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PC Remembers

Professors Tell What Campus Was Like Ten Years Ago

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CAMPUS NEWS

September 11, 2001, started out as a beautiful morning in the northeastern United States. Later that morning, the beautiful day turned into a day of unexpected horror as terrorists attacked the United States by turning airplanes into cruise missiles, hitting the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Two thousand nine hundred, and seventy-seven people lost their lives that day, including four Providence College alumni, one spouse of an alum, and two students in the MBA program.

Providence College had only just begun the school year when the planes hit. Students had arrived on campus days before, and suddenly complaints about forbidden couches and the lack of planned renovations materializing seemed to fade away as the nation came under attack. Students received word of the catastrophe soon after it occurred, and came together that night on the lawn of the Slavin Center to hold a candlelight vigil for the people who were missing or killed in the attack. Nearly the entire student body came out that night to remember the victims, and the crowd was so big that Slavin Lawn could barely contain everyone.

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PC-CCRI Agreement Fosters New Opportunities

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CAMPUS NEWS

In June 2011, Providence College strengthened its affiliation with the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) with a new transfer agreement. This nuanced agreement delineates the process and requirements for CCRI students who are eligible to transfer into Providence College.

The transfer agreement, which strives to help students achieve affordable education, will begin this fall. The agreement applies to the students in the Providence College classes of 2013, 2014, and 2015. The CCRI transfers to the class of 2016 will have to undergo additional scrutiny in order to enroll at Providence College, due to the new core curriculum.

The Providence College transfer agreement requires potential CCRI transfer students to meet with the

transfer counselor at PC to choose a major and outline goals in their course of study. In order to be guaranteed acceptance, the CCRI students must achieve an associate's degree in the liberal arts program at CCRI in congruency with the PC "course equivalency chart."

The applicants also need to maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average on the 4.0 scale in a full-time course load, and courses are not transferrable unless the final grade earned is a C or above. The final two years of the program are completed at Providence College as a full time student in order to earn at least half of academic major credit.

The education and social work programs require that two-and-a-half years be completed at Providence College in order to finish the fieldwork required for the major. Science and math majors may also have to complete extra courses to meet their respective departmental graduation requirements.

Although the agreement was signed

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As the final Borders bookstores close their doors this week, we here at *The Cowl* are reminded of society's continuing odyssey into a brave new world of paperless media. Borders' liquidation is just one more fallen domino in the fated toppling of paper-based literature.

Although this development comes as no particular surprise in the fast-paced culture of communications today, for many of us, change remains unsettling. Society has a growing need for immediate gratification, and with Internet access on our laptops and e-readers, we have entire worlds of information at our fingertips. SmartPhones have made the most up-to-date news literally containable in our pockets.

Yet even with so much power in the hands of the masses, there is a faction of us who sit despondently at our computers, whimpering and yearning for the feel of paper, the smell of newsprint. Those of us in the newspaper industry, especially, crave the personality and distinctiveness of print media, fearing our ultimate demise at the hands of our ever-mighty electronics overlords.

We here at *The Cowl* have been spurred by recent events to reflect on society's propulsion into this new age. We will not sit idly by and bemoan the loss of our paper-based brethren; rather, we will pay them their proper respects and embrace the vivacity of our own, still-thriving publication.








It is our job as journalists to adapt our craft in the most innovative ways that we can. The upcoming years will prove a challenge for all paper-based communications organizations, as it will demand swift changes in the transmission of information as well as the method in which that information is presented.

Even in today's ever-tumultuous media climate, *The Cowl* plans to implement changes such as these, and more. Instead of living in fear of the new age, we will simply embrace it as an opportunity for our publication to grow.

Vive le papier!

—The Editors

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Dr. Osondu Named Pushcart Prize Winner

Micaela Cameron '13
News Staff

FACULTY

Dr. E.C. Osondu, Ph.D., Department of English, has recently been awarded the Pushcart Prize for his short story, "Janjaweed Wife."

Osondu is not new to the literary prize circuit, having also won the Caine Prize for his story "Waiting" in 2009.

"Janjaweed Wife" appeared in the Kenyon Review and was subsequently nominated for the Pushcart Prize in May 2011.

"The Pushcart is given for works published in literary magazines," said Osondu. "Every year they try to publish writers who are just emerging. They nominate those who they think are the best in the journal or magazine they have been published in, and then they are nominated for the Pushcart. My story appeared in the Kenyon Review."

The Pushcart Prize publishes the winners in their annual journal.

"Janjaweed Wife" will appear in Pushcart Prize XXXVI: Best of Small Presses in November.

"['Janjaweed Wife'] was written about three years ago. It starts in a refugee camp in Sudan and is told from the point of view of a little girl who is displaced. Her mother finds herself having to compromise in order to survive," said Osondu.

He spoke of his reaction to winning the Pushcart Prize.

"It was exciting. It's a recognition. Raymond Carver has won this prize, along with other writers who I have a lot of respect for; they have all won it at some point in their career. One of the first books I used was the Pushcart Prize anthology for my Literary Journalism class...now, I am in it myself."

Christen Baglaneas '13, a student of Osondu's, spoke of his success.

"I think winning the Pushcart Prize is something he deserves. I had him as a freshman when he had just won the Caine Prize. It was really cool to be

able to go through the experience with him in class. After reading his work, I definitely think he is a talented writer and that he has a unique talent. He is also very insightful."

"Janjaweed Wife" is one of the many stories that appear in Osondu's recent publication, *Voice of America*.

Voice of America is a collection of

"...AS A RESULT OF DR. OSONDU'S TEACHING, MY OWN WRITING STYLE HAS BECOME MORE FOCUSED"

short stories in which Osondu writes from the point of view of various characters, including those of women and children.

"It's challenging to write from a different point of view, but a lot of stories in *Voice of America* try to use voices of different types of people. It's something I like to do; to appropriate voices as if I were putting myself in their shoes."

Thus far, *Voice of America* has been well-received. Osondu recently returned from a trip to Nigeria and was met with great reception regarding his work.

"Overall, his short stories in *Voice of America* talk about the experience of individuals in Nigeria and in the United States. He brings the characters to life and has a great talent of embodying the different characters," said Baglaneas.

When asked about his experiences as a result of the success of *Voice of America*, traveling was only one of many opportunities Osondu has been given.

"I had a reading at the Royal Festival Hall in London as well as three interviews with the BBC. I appeared on a TV program in the U.K., *Start the Day* on the BBC, one of their most famous programs. *The Times* of London sent a photographer and an interviewer to PC to interview me. [*Voices of America*] has been

reviewed in a dozen magazines and newspapers. The book has been at so many literary festivals which I'm still attending. I will be at George Mason University for a program called Fall for the Book which is also a literary festival."

Osondu continues describes winning the Pushcart Prize as an

inspirational "kick" to pursue writing further. He is currently working on a novel, titled *This House is Not For Sale*.

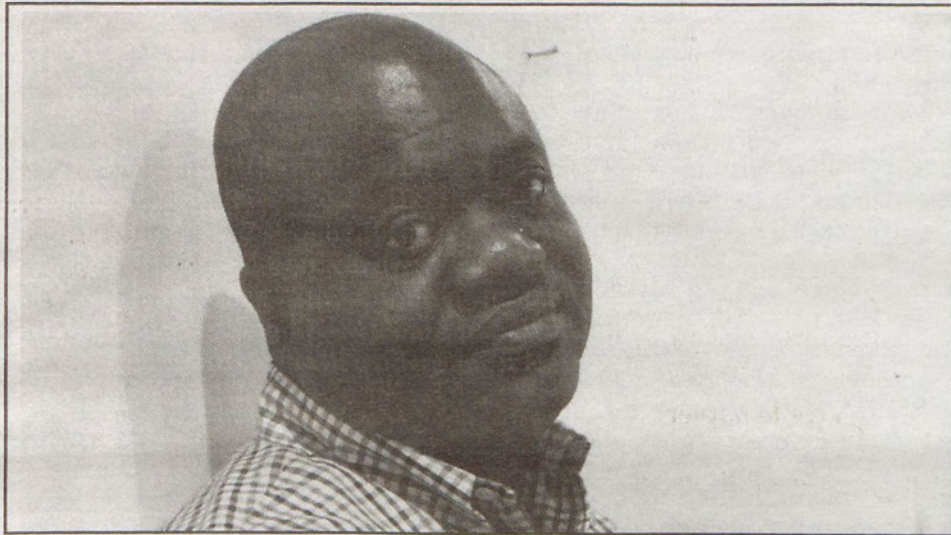
"*This House is Not For Sale* is different than *Voice of America* because it is set in Nigeria whereas *Voice of America* was set in both the United States and Nigeria," said Osondu. "I hope to keep writing. One doesn't write to win prizes, one writes because one has a story to tell."

Baglaneas spoke of how Osondu's previous work has helped her with her own writing.

"I am looking forward to his future work. He is already accomplished and I am interested to see how much more he has developed. Reading his work has also helped me with my own writing. It is inspiring to have such an established professor, and I feel privileged to have had him all three years of my college career so far," said Baglaneas.

"I am an English major, and as a result of Dr. Osondu's teaching, my own writing style has been more focused. In writing, I now concentrate on miniscule details that you'd normally overlook and know that a certain tone can make a story come to life."

Voice of America will appear in paperback in the United States and United Kingdom in November.



GOOGLE IMAGES

The Pushcart Prize is one of many recognitions Dr. Osondu has garnered for his writing.

Dr. Olszewski Shares Passion for Health Sciences

Meghan Conway '12
News Staff

FEATURED TEACHER

The newest member of the Providence College Department of Health Policy and Management is Adjunct Assistant Professor Todd Olszewski.

He graduated from Washington University in Saint Louis with a B.A. in History and a minor in Biology, and from Yale University with a Ph.D. in the history of science and medicine.

Olszewski was born and raised in Illinois. He comes from a family of musicians and educators.

"I didn't grow up wanting to be a teacher, but my mom is an elementary school teacher and my Dad is a band director so I think it's safe to say that they influenced my career path," said Olszewski.

Olszewski began teaching at the College in January 2011, after completing his postdoctoral research at the National Institute of Health.

"At the NIH, I researched health promotion and chronic disease prevention, and more specifically, cardiovascular disease," said Olszewski.

Olszewski is currently in the process of revising his dissertation from his time working at the NIH and turning it into a book, titled *A Calculated Risk: Cholesterol, Heart Health, and the Politics of Science*.

"My work addresses the social construction of a heart-healthy diet and lifestyle," said Olszewski. "I explore the connections between disease and behavior."

Olszewski's research began with studying the emergence of heart-healthy, low-fat, and low cholesterol

cookbooks. His research is an account of how cholesterol became associated with heart disease. This has become an accepted medical and scientific concern.

Olszewski was a recipient of The Yale Prize Teaching Fellowship in 2006 and credits his professors and mentors at Washington University in St. Louis and at Yale University for his success.

"There were many inspiring teachers and mentors who showed me what it means to be dedicated and enthusiastic when immersing yourself in a topic that interests you," said Olszewski. "It was a long process but they excited me and helped me find my niche."

Now in his second semester working at the College, he is teaching the special topics course Drugs and Disease and three Field Experience courses this semester.

"The Field Experience course is a strong aspect of the health policy and management major," said Olszewski. "Students get real world experience in the Rhode Island health care community and are able to build their resumes and position themselves to secure jobs in the field."

Olszewski was a pre-med student and a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-educational service fraternity during his four years as an undergraduate student at Washington University in St. Louis. In addition, he played the French horn in the orchestras of Washington University and Yale University. He recently joined the Brown University orchestra and is an avid golfer.

"I come from a very musical family,"

said Olszewski. "Both my parents are in professional orchestras and I love classical music."

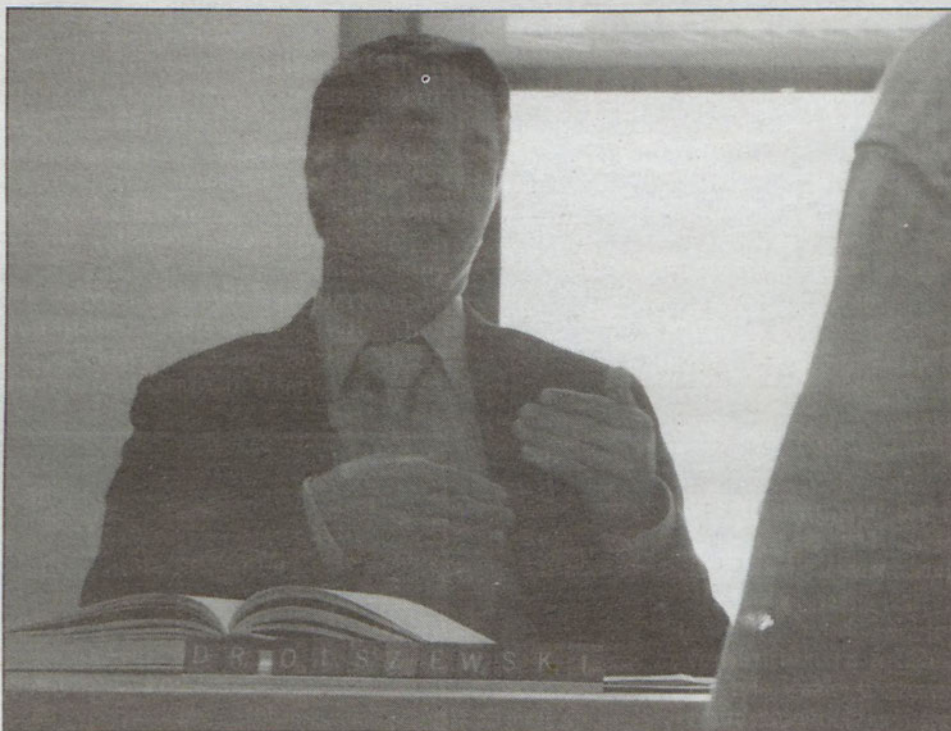
Olszewski cites the value of a health policy & management degree as being academically significant and personally rewarding.

"Health and health care are integral elements of life," said Olszewski. "Not only are students going to be equipped to enter the health care workforce, but they are going to understand how the American health care system works and how to be better health care consumers themselves."

Olszewski also recognizes the benefits of the small class sizes and close-knit community that characterize the College as a whole.

"I really enjoy working with students one-on-one and being able to provide them with as many resources as possible," said Olszewski. "At Providence College the small class sizes and dedicated students make this possible."

"I hope to challenge PC students to expand their horizons and inspire them to use their knowledge to be actively involved," said Olszewski.



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Dr. Olszewski is currently revising the dissertation he wrote about his research at the National Institute of Health. It is focused on developing a heart-healthy diet and lifestyle.

Common Reading Program Instituted

by Ryan Post '14
News Staff

CLASS OF 2015

This year, freshman orientation marked a first for Providence College with the new Freshman Common Reading Program (FCRP).

The implementation of the program is the result of an idea dating back to 2007, when the Core Curriculum Review Committee recommended the concept of a "common question or topic to be explored by incoming freshmen, transfer students, and perhaps the entire campus community" to be built into the College's core learning experience, according to a press release from the College dated May 30 of this year.

Charles Haberle, assistant vice president of academic affairs and chairman of the Implementation Committee for the FCRP, said that the idea for the program "goes back a couple years when Provost Lena asked the One Campus/One Question committee to explore what other institutions were doing."

Haberle said that the One Campus/One Question committee's finding was that an overwhelming number of schools throughout the country incorporated common summer reading into their orientation schedules.

"The topic of this program was discussed by Student Congress and Faculty Senate last year, and approval was granted by Fr. Shanley [president of the College] late in the spring," said Haberle. The committee discussed the importance of a theme to the chosen book and subsequent discussion, and due to its recent 10-year anniversary, the tragedies of 9/11 were deemed appropriate. According to Haberle, the theme was authorized and relayed to the Book Recommendation Committee, with Dr. Catherine Gordon-Seifert of the Department of Music acting as chairwoman.

The Book Recommendation Committee discovered six books relevant to the 9/11 theme and explored the possibility of *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer, *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid, *Missing: Youth, Citizenship, and Empire After 9/11* by Sunaina Marr Maria, *Afghan Journal: A Soldier's Year in Afghanistan* by Jeffry Courter, and *Dude, Where's My Country* by Michael Moore. "We [the committee] read six books, most of us reading two or three of the books each, and *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* was the overwhelming choice."

A story about nine-year-old Oskar Schell and his unorthodox attempt at grieving the loss of his father on 9/11 and his resulting unique worldview, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* received praise in various media

outlets as well as among the members of the Book Recommendation Committee. According to Gordon-Seifert's book recommendation report, Foer's novel was chosen because "it is a beautiful, riveting, and moving story told in an unconventional and yet compelling manner."

Haberle said, "The book was distributed to the freshmen during the advising days in June, and it was mailed to those who couldn't attend." Freshmen were encouraged to complete the modestly-lengthed novel by their arrival for New Student Orientation. Throughout the month of August, freshmen were required to post on open discussion forums on ANGEL, which were moderated by Orientation Leaders. "There were well over 800 postings, a lot of them great and very thoughtful," said Haberle.

On the Friday and Saturday of orientation, students met in groups of 25 to 30 students, moderated by faculty members, staff, and older students.

Gordon-Seifert, who moderated a group of music, health policy management, and social work majors, said of the discussion, "we [the moderators] followed the lead of the students; we were in the discussion as if we were students ourselves." Gordon continued to say "we were very well prepared because of the prompts given to us by the implementation committee, and I felt the discussion could have gone on much longer."

She said the freshmen especially connected with Oskar because they were his age when the attacks of September 11, 2001 commenced. "The discussion really brought everyone back to that event and their own experiences," said Gordon-Seifert.

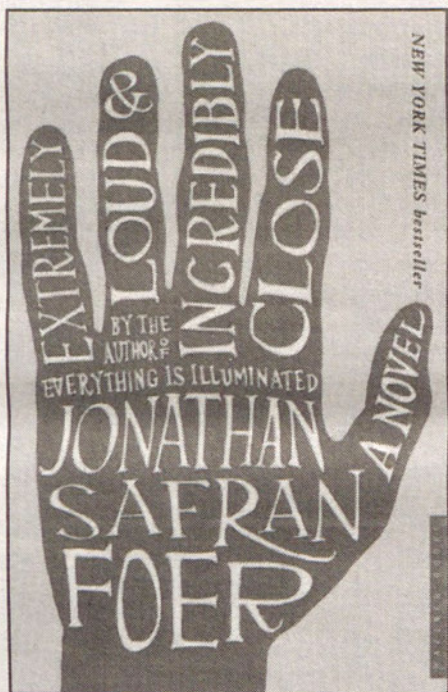
Haberle agreed with Gordon-Seifert in the immense popularity of the program among both students and moderators.

"Informally, I've heard great things," said Haberle. "Some departments talked about the book in relation to the students' majors, and I think it was a good start to the students' academic careers."

Haberle added that a formal survey will be conducted among the freshmen who took part in the program and the faculty, staff, and upperclassmen who helped moderate the discussion groups to receive an extensive review of the program's inaugural appearance.

The FCRP was popular among the freshmen as well. "I felt that the Common Reading Program was successful this year," said Mason Sciotti '15. "Not only did I enjoy the book, but discussing it with students of my same major showed me the types of discussions that would occur in my own classes throughout my next four years."

Encouraged by the success of the program, Haberle said discussion on the theme and possible books for next year's freshmen will commence within the next week.



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer was chosen for this year's FCRP.

CCRI: Goal to Increase Campus Diversity

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this past fall, it is not active yet. It is projected that most students will apply for the fall semester, which has an application deadline of April 1, rather than the spring semester, which has a deadline of Dec. 1.

Academic scholarships are not available to CCRI graduates, or any transfer applicants at PC. The standard regulations of financial aid and federal subsidized loans will still apply to all transfer applicants.

Providence College's attempt to portray itself as "transfer friendly" is receiving overwhelmingly positive responses from students.

"The agreement is good. It gives kids who cannot afford PC tuition for

College degree may now be able to achieve that goal.

Aside from its financial benefits, the transfer agreement allows students who are unprepared for a full-time, four-year program to gain the experience needed and strengthen themselves academically in areas in which they were not qualified enough to be admitted to PC.

The CCRI liberal arts based course of study prepares students for the rigorous liberal arts core curriculum at Providence College, and also prepares students to take on the Western Civilization program.

Students entering as second semester freshmen and sophomores must complete a year-and-a-half of the DWC program; however, students

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four years more opportunities," said Tim McCaig '13.

Most students are in agreement that a new articulation agreement is beneficial to students who want a Providence College degree, but are not able to achieve it right after high school.

Nicole Roche '13 says of the new transfer agreement, "It makes getting an undergrad degree more attainable and enables people to further their education past a two-year degree."

Sandra Miller, associate dean of Admissions at the College, is hopeful that the new agreement will augment the attraction to PC as a stepping-stone after a two year associate's program.

Most CCRI graduates in pursuit of a four-year degree currently consider the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College as their only post-grad options; however, now that PC has made a four-year liberal arts degree attainable to CCRI grads, students who hoped for a Providence

entering in junior status have to complete only one semester of the DWC program.

Miller hopes the articulation agreement, once implemented, will give opportunity to students who are not only financially burdened and academically unprepared, but also to students who are "first generation" or "underrepresented" currently at Providence College.

Samantha Miga '15 commented, "The agreement will bring new and diverse students who wouldn't have had the opportunity to come to PC otherwise."

Providence College is striving to achieve a transfer friendly appearance by presenting academic opportunities to deserving graduates of the CCRI liberal arts program.

It is expected that the transfer students will effortlessly merge into the Providence College campus lifestyle, and that they will be received amiably by the rest of the college campus.



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THE WARNING SIGNS

SATURDAY, 9/17 @ 8PM MCPHAIL'S

Remember: Professors Recall 9/11 at PC

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reactions to the attack. Dr. Mary Bellhouse of the Department of Political Science said that a sense of unity swept the campus immediately after word of the attacks reached students. She recalled, "I was teaching a section of [Political Science] 101 at the time...I offered to end the class early, but people wanted to stay together, even with me."

Even though students in her class were visibly upset and were concerned for the safety of their loved ones, nobody wanted to be alone.

Dr. Neil Romans, also of the Department of Political Science, reported that the day went on as normally as any other for his students. He said that another faculty member told him that a plane crashed into the World Trade Center around 9:00 a.m., right before his first class of the day.

He said his initial reaction was that the plane crash was "fluky" and that it was something "really weird and unusual," but as the day went on and he heard news of another plane crash, it became clear that this was a coordinated terrorist attack on the United States.

Romans said that no classes were cancelled. He also said that the reaction was much different from the Aquinas fire tragedy, which resulted in the cancellation of final examinations for the semester.

He said that students responded to the attacks with a desire to keep things as normal as possible.

Dr. Mark Hyde agreed with Romans' assessment of the student

reaction, and added that there were a number of masses dedicated to the victims, their families, and anyone affected by the attack.

He said that his students at the time wanted to discuss what had happened in class, and that the comparative politics and international relations professors were pressed to put the attack into a context that students could understand.

Providence College was fortunate enough to have Anwar ul-Haq Ahady as a member of the Department of Political Science at the time. Ahady had been a professor of political science since 1987 and is a native of Afghanistan. Hyde recalled that after the devastating attacks, Ahady hosted a discussion about who the Taliban is and how Al-Qaeda was able to settle in Afghanistan.

This event was attended by over 100 students who were eager to learn more about the people who attacked the United States.

After the United States invaded Afghanistan, Ahady was appointed head of Da Afghanistan Bank, the central bank of Afghanistan, and left Providence College in 2002.

He served as Minister of Finance in Afghanistan from 2004-2009, and is currently the Afghan minister of transportation and commerce and the head of the Afghan Social Democratic Party. Ahady was a valuable resource in helping students understand the origins of the attack.

Today, Providence College students responded in a similar manner to that of the students a decade earlier. The

majority of students were between the ages of eight and 12 at the time of the attack and were in elementary or middle school.

For most students, it was their first time witnessing a major historical event. This was a turning point in many students' lives, and the campus responded appropriately. Students created a flag display honoring the 9/11 victims and hosted a candlelight vigil.

The administration planned other events, such as the dedication of a plaque at the War Grotto and a talk about God and Evil, but students

wanted to commemorate the events on their own terms as well. The flag display was sponsored by the College Republicans, and the candlelight vigil was sponsored by Student Congress and the Board of Programmers.

Ten years have passed since the United States was brutally and unjustly attacked by terrorists. Providence College students have grown up with the idea of terrorism in the back of their minds. The world was changed forever on September 11, 2001, but PC students then and now have shown that they will never forget the events of that day.



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The flags on Lower Quad represented every individual who lost their life on 9/11.



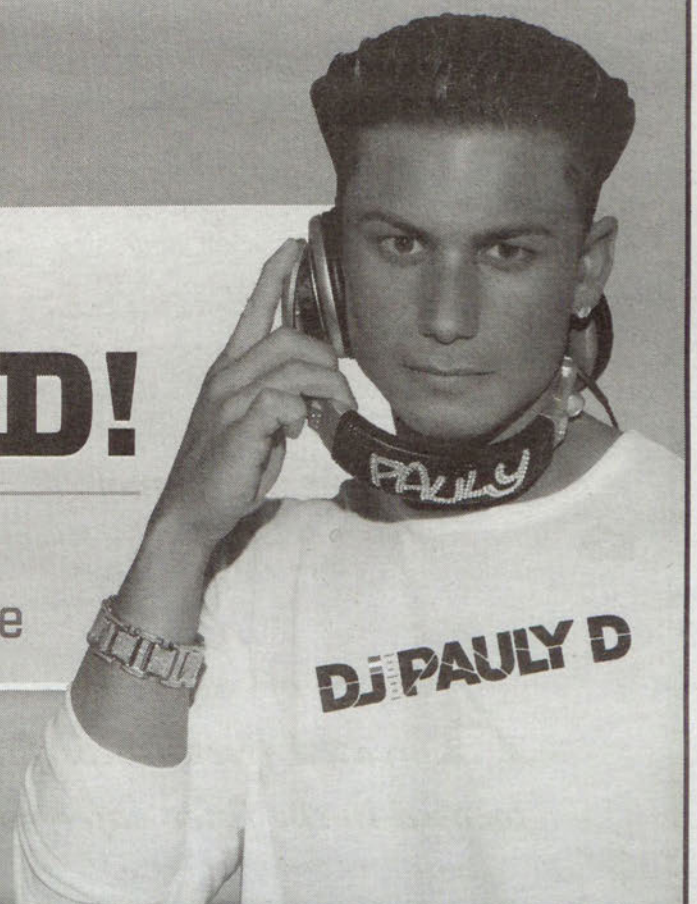
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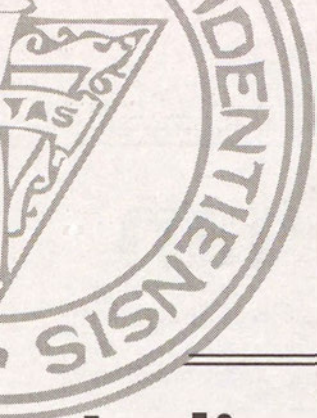
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Italian City Declares Independence

by Naomi Eide '13
World Staff

ITALY

In central Italy, 70 miles away from Rome, the small town of Filettino declared itself an independent state under a monarch. Their actions were in response to the mid-August announcement made by the Italian government outlining a \$65 billion emergency budget cut to help appease the European Central Bank. One of the government's planned cost-cutting measures was to merge towns with populations fewer than 1,000 residents to larger nearby cities. The ultimate goal was to cut administrative costs, which are only a minute fraction of the county's budget. "Do you know how much all the mayors and town councilors in small Italian towns cost the state?" asked Franca Biglio, president of the National Association of Small Towns. Her answer: €5.8 million, which is equivalent to the cost of restaurant services for Parliament.

Rather than abiding by the government mandate, Filettino's Mayor, Luca Sellari, opted to cite history and create a principality which could emulate San Marino, Monaco, Andorra, and Vatican City. The newly announced Principality of Filettino has begun printing its own currency, designing a coat of arms, and creating a Web site. Sellari states that declaring Filettino independent is one of the only ways to maintain the town's identity and self-governance



Luca Sellari, mayor of Filettino, declared independence from Italy and proceeded to print currency.

while protecting its natural resources. He also added that "it's everyone's dream to become a prince."

One of Sellari's first measures to pursue was having currency printed. Though not yet recognized as legal tender, the fiorito, meaning "flowered," is being printed and passed around the town as souvenirs. The design resembles the 13th-century florin and is supposed to represent how the town will blossom in its new role as an independent state. If the currency does become recognized, the exchange rate will be 2 fioritos to every 1 euro.

Overall, 1,963 towns are affected by the budget cuts, and all of them are reacting in protest, wanting to take drastic measures to ensure that their towns are not merged. Some mayors, who would lose their jobs if the budget cuts go through, turned in the keys to the city in protest while other towns proposed accepting Libyan refugees into their fold to push the

town over the 1,000 person threshold. The government budget cuts opted to pull money out of the smaller budgets rather than tackling high-profile issues within government spending. It breaks down to government leadership and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's response to European pressures. The budget cuts Berlusconi is facing allude to political unrest over how others think the government should be run.

Filettino, comprised of 598 people, has taken its claims as an independent state in stride, participating in what is essentially volunteer work to run its newly-founded government. Mayor Sellari, hoping to become a Prince, plans to pursue statehood whether or not the Italian government backs down from the austerity measures. The principality expresses its tenacity in its motto, stating "'Nec flector, nec frangor'—we won't bow or break when it comes to our plans."

Russian Hockey Tragedy

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RUSSIA-

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, a plane carrying Russian hockey team Lokomotiv Yaroslavl crashed shortly after take-off. Thirty-six team members and coaches as well as seven members of the plane's crew died in the crash. The cause of the accident is still under investigation. The only survivors of the crash were Alexander Galimov, a player for the team, and crew member Alexander Sizov. While Sizov is expected to recover, Galimov died from extreme burns on Monday. The three-time Russian champions were en route to play in Belarus on Thursday.

Coffins containing the bodies of the 36 team members were brought to the arena in Yaroslavl where the team plays, north of Moscow. Out of the 100,000 people who defied heavy rains to show their respects for the team, about 35,000 squeezed into the arena for the official ceremonies. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was one of the guests allowed to walk onto the ice, placing red carnations next to the coffins as he passed during a ceremony that lasted several hours.

Russia is not unfamiliar with plane crashes. According to the BBC, since the beginning of the year, there have been 15 other civilian plane crashes, resulting in the deaths of 120 people. Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov told reporters that there is a 53 percent increase in plane crashes, and 400 percent increase in the number of



Vladimir Putin places red carnations next to the coffins of plane crash victims.

deaths to occur as plane crashes in the same time frame from last year. This surge in accidents sparked Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to call on his nation's civilian airline carriers to update their aging fleets, many of which are left over from the Soviet era. Some experts, however, disagree with this call.

"You can fly a plane even if it's 40 years old," says veteran Soviet pilot Oleg Smirnov, "as long as you maintain it properly." According to Mr. Smirnov, most plane crashes in Russia are caused by human error, not by outdated planes, which many experts argue are built to fly for several decades. Additionally, Mr. Smirnov adds that fault may belong to the airlines, which have shown determination to cut costs.

As for the team, KHL officials have announced the desire to rebuild within days after the crash, hoping to be ready in time for the Russian season opener on Sept. 12. According to league chief Vyacheslav Fetisov, "At least 30 players

have already expressed their desire to play there. This says a lot about players' solidarity and the tremendous traditions of our hockey." League President Alexander Medvedev said that each of the league's 18 teams should volunteer up to three players to help rebuild the team, which has drawn support from players around the league, reports the BBC.

The incident also sparked sympathies overseas. Washington Capitals' Captain Alex Ovechkin, who knew some of the players on board, said "Nobody could imagine that this would happen. I'm still in shock... This is not a national tragedy. It's an international tragedy." Ovechkin's opinions were echoed by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman who said, "Though it occurred thousands of miles away from our home arenas, this tragedy represents a catastrophic loss to the hockey world... Our deepest condolences go to the families and loved ones of all who perished."

The World Remembers 9/11

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INTERNATIONAL

September 11, 2001 has become both a defining moment in United States history and an ever-present reality in the collective American consciousness. It has changed countless aspects of daily life in America, from drastic military action in the Middle East, to the intense security measures involved in simply boarding an airplane. September 11 is typically perceived as an American event—an attack defying America on American soil, which evoked American patriotism in its aftermath. However, in this interconnected global community, such an event did not go unnoticed by the rest of the world, even after a decade.

On Sunday, different people from different countries commemorated 9/11. Some had actually lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks, but many simply felt a sense of empathy and unity with the Americans who had lost their lives, risked their lives, or lost friends and family members.

Ten American oak trees were planted in a park in Madrid in memory of Sylvia San Pio Resta, the only Spaniard killed on 9/11. Sylvia, pregnant at the time of the attacks, worked in the World Trade Center as a financial trader with her American husband, who also died that day. The planting of the trees was part of a ceremony in which a moment of silence was held in honor of all the victims of the attacks.

Australian firefighters in Sydney climbed the city's highest tower, a total of 80 flights of stairs, as a tribute to the New York firefighters who responded to the attacks that day. Once they reached the top of the building, they held a moment of silence.

In Paris, at the Place du Trocadero, which translates to the Human Rights Plaza, two 80-foot replicas of the Twin Towers were constructed. The model towers were covered with the names of all the 9/11 victims and were the center of a commemoration ceremony concluded with the release of 40 doves.

Locals from the Gawad Kalinga village in the Philippines brought flowers to a memorial in honor of Marie Rose Abad, another victim of 9/11. Her husband of 26 years, Rudy, has donated an ample amount of money in her memory. His donations have allowed for the building of 48 houses in the village.

A ceremony was held at Grosvenor Square in London, where a memorial garden has been constructed. Those who lost family members in the attacks read the names of their loved ones out aloud at the ceremony. A white rose and black-and-white photograph of each victim was placed in the garden. American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan also found ways to honor the 10th anniversary of 9/11. A 24-hour flag vigil and ceremony were held at Joint Base Balad in Iraq, as well as in Afghanistan. People all over the world watched televised 9/11 memorials and discussed the events via various forms of social media. This global remembrance and solidarity shows the momentous impact that 9/11 has had not only on the United States, but on the entire world.

Obama Unveils His Latest Jobs Plan

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UNITED STATES

There is no doubt that the August political fight over deficit cuts and the debt ceiling was a dramatic blow to President Obama's political capital. The president left the battle dramatically weakened with many questioning his leadership capabilities in a country still feeling the pains of a stagnant economy and a national unemployment rate of 9.1 percent. Now, with the 2012 presidential election picking up speed and the president's re-election prospects looking more difficult with each passing day, it is within Obama's political interests to put all the focus on jobs. With his address to a joint session of Congress on Sept. 8, Obama presented a plan to put America back to work and finally begin to turn the economy around.

Speaking to Congress at a special joint session, the president proposed the American Jobs Act, a legislative proposal seeking a tax cut and spending, which many Washington deficit hawks note resembles another stimulus bill. Still, the plan is modeled to motivate businesses and get the American people back to work. Though many assumed the president would not be forceful (as he has been criticized for), Obama came off strongly in his call for putting America back to work. "You should pass it right away!" he told the bicameral audience.

The American Jobs Act contains several major elements: tax cuts to help American businesses hire and grow, and putting workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America and putting more money in



President Obama discusses the American Jobs Act in the Rose Garden of the White House.

the pockets of every American worker and family.

All of these proposals come with a price tag of exactly \$0, as they are fully paid for, according to the president. The tax cuts will be given to workers whenever they hire more employees. The plan also gives additional tax cuts to any businesses that hire veterans and the long-term unemployed (defined as anyone who has been looking for work for six months or more). These tax incentives can motivate companies to start hiring and expand their businesses.

Obama also put a major emphasis on the need to modernize American infrastructure in order to employ construction workers in the short-term, but also to ensure that economic growth can continue in the long term.

"There are private construction companies all over America just waiting to get to work," he told Congress. "There's a bridge that needs repair between Ohio and Kentucky that's on one of the busiest trucking routes in North America," he continued, using this example to take a swipe at the home states of House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), both the faces of the opposition to Obama's legislative pursuits in Congress.

Also included in the infrastructure repairs was a call to modernize and repair America's schools. In the words of the president, "There are schools throughout the country that desperately need renovating." The American Jobs Act will repair and modernize at least 35,000 schools and put thousands to work in constructing

new buildings, repairing old buildings, and installing new technologies for the classroom of the 21st century.

Reaching out to middle-class America, the legislative proposal presented Congress with a payroll tax cut and another expansion of unemployment benefit. Obama stated, "Democrats and Republicans have supported [both ideas] plenty of times in the past." In another swipe to the Republicans, speaking on the tax cuts, Obama said, "If we allow the tax cuts to expire—if we refuse to act—middle-class families will get hit with a tax increase at the worst possible time. We cannot let that happen. I know some of you took oaths to never raise any taxes on anyone for as long as you live. Now is not the time to carve out an exception and raise middle-class taxes."

The president has finally presented his job plan for America. However, as in the recent political battles, the opposition of the GOP will put up a big fight. Some members of the Republican caucus simply refused to attend the session to listen to the president's statement. As Speaker Boehner said to *The Washington Post*, "I have encouraged my colleagues to come tonight and listen to the president. He is the President of the United States, and I believe that all members ought to be here to do this. [Still, it] doesn't mean they are going to."

Many have high hopes for the president's job agenda; however, in the words of Obama himself, "the question is whether, in the face of an ongoing national crisis, we can stop the political circus and actually do something to help the economy."

European Debt Crisis Part I

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EUROPEAN UNION

Three years after the height of the 2008 financial crisis in the United States, we are beginning to see its long term aftershocks in the European economy. On Monday, "Europe's economic crisis sharply escalated as investors bet on a messy default in near-bankrupt Greece that could cost its creditors billions in losses, threatening an array of major European banks sitting on massive stockpiles of troubled debt," according to *The Washington Post*. Although many attribute Greece's current financial situation to its pattern of overspending and tax evasion by the citizenry, financiers see no option out of the dire situation but to bail them out yet again. "In an interview given to *The Washington Post*, Sebastian Dullien, a senior policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign relations stated, "Banks stopped lending to each other out of fear [after the 2008 debt crisis]. Something similar could happen again, and there are signs that the money market is freezing again. If there's a new problem in the banking sector, we could quickly be where we were three years ago."

So how exactly did Greece end up in such a dire financial situation, and why do we care? According to the World Bank, Greece is the 27th largest economy in the world, and the 35th in the scale of purchasing power. A collapse of an economy this large would be detrimental to the European Union and, subsequently, the global economy. Signs

of problems in the Greek economy had become apparent in early 2010 as the national debt reached unsustainable levels while economic analysts from the EU gave the country an economic clean bill of health. By April, it was apparent that the Greek economy was at risk of total collapse. Consequently, the IMF offered to loan Greece \$61 billion to cover bonds, but the threat of collapse caused the credit rating of the country to decrease severely.

One of the largest contributing problems to the Greek financial crisis is the fact that, like Portugal, Ireland, and Spain, Greek debt is owed to creditors outside of the country. This is often more difficult to maintain than debts to national creditors. By early 2011, it was apparent that financial problems in Greece were far from solved. Standard and Poor's lowered the country's credit rating to CCC, the agency's lowest possible rating. This caused a domino effect in European and worldwide markets.

Unfortunately for members of the European Union, Greece is not the only country crippled by massive debt. Members of the four "PIGS" countries (Portugal, Ireland, Greece, and Spain) have debts that constitute more than 50 percent of their GDP. Since a majority of this debt is owed to external creditors, repayment of high interest rates simply bankrupts the country further instead of pumping money back into the domestic economy. European Central Bank officials along with the IMF are currently attempting to fashion a remedy that will save these countries from bankruptcy.

WORLD NEWS UPDATES



► **Mexico:** Two activists were found brutally murdered in the city of Nuevo Laredo. Their killer left a note warning citizens that speaking against the drug cartels on social media would be punished. The cartels often threaten journalists, but until now bloggers and other amateurs had not been targeted.

► **Tech:** NASA revealed plans for a new heavy-lift rocket program, designed to replace the retired space shuttle project. The proposal will cost \$35 billion, but NASA's budget is uncertain, with a large government deficit and upcoming cuts, making any planning nebulous at best.

► **U.S.A.:** The U.S. government discovered that it paid \$19 billion more in unemployment benefits than it should have over the past three years. This number is over 10 percent of the total budget allotted for such benefits. The Labor Department will launch a special monitoring program to correct the errors in the most egregiously erroneous states.

► **Libya:** The provisional government is conducting a search for former leader Muammar Gaddafi. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Gaddafi may be preparing for a guerilla campaign to take back the country.

Ask PC...

by Arman Oganisian '13, World Editor

What do you think about the debt ceiling issue raised midsummer? What does it say about our government? Whose fault is it that we came so close to default and managed to get downgraded?

Andres Tabora '15

The debt ceiling debacle showed us that Congress doesn't function. The president made an effort to compromise but Republicans refused. The S&P downgrade shows that investors have no faith in Congress' functionality either.

Moira Power '14

Raising the debt ceiling was a bad idea to begin with. Republicans were correct in opposing this raise. We can't continue to spend the way we do, but that is exactly what a higher debt ceiling allows.

Kaden Belanger '14

The pledges Republicans made to their parties—such as to never raise taxes—kept them from compromising. They remained staunchly devoted to their party. However, Congressmen should be serving people, not getting caught up in petty party conflicts.



Fashion Designer Convicted for Anti-Semitic Remarks

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INTERNATIONAL

British fashion designer John Galliano was convicted in Paris of hurling anti-Semitic insults while intoxicated at a bar. Until recently, Galliano was the creative director at the haute couture house of Christian Dior, a luxurious French fashion company. He is well known in the fashion world and has designed clothes used in many runway shows in New York, Paris, and Milan. His outbursts and subsequent arrest cost him his job in March of this year. He was also given a suspended fine of \$8,400. Although not required to pay this fine, the conviction leaves Galliano with a criminal record.

Galliano did manage to avoid a prison sentence and a maximum \$32,175 fine by apologizing to the victims of his insults and undergoing treatment for his addictions during the trial. The designer claims he had been under the influence of alcohol when he made the outbursts; the first was in October of 2010 and the second in February. According to *The Daily Telegraph*, Geraldine Bloch, a customer at the bar, said that Galliano called her "dirty Jewish face" and Fatiha Oummedour was told she was "ugly Jewish." Also, after his arrest, the British tabloid *The Sun* reported on a separate incident in which Galliano is shown telling someone in a Paris café "I love Hitler."

These remarks are taken very seriously in France, where it is illegal to publicly insult someone based on their religious affiliation, race, or ethnicity. This highlights a difference in free speech between the United States and the European Union, where citizens like Galliano can be prosecuted for racist comments. Galliano says he regrets his anti-Semitic slandering and that he has been struggling with alcoholism,



COURTESY OF SECOND CITY STYLE
John Galliano, former fashion designer for Christian Dior, was recently convicted for making anti-Semitic remarks in March.

sleeping pills, and Valium as a result of his high-stress job.

He apologized to the court, saying that he too had experienced discrimination because of his homosexuality. The Parisian court ordered Galliano to pay \$23,200 in legal fees to three individuals and five anti-racism associations as well as having to pay a symbolic one euro (roughly \$1.40) in damages to each of the three people he insulted. If Galliano repeats the crime in the next five years, he will be forced to pay the suspended fine of \$8,400. *The Los Angeles Times* reported that Aurelien Hamelle, Galliano's lawyer, is "looking forward to the future" and "will continue to care for himself."

Backyard News

► Unions for teachers and other public employees are pressuring Governor Chafee to protect their pension benefits. The unions supported Chafee's campaign in exchange for promises that Chafee would extend their benefits, but Chafee has hinted that new budget cuts might include cutting pensions.

► Although more Rhode Island high-school seniors took the SAT last year than previously, including more minority students, the average score fell across all three categories. Reading dropped by three points to 482, math fell six points to 482, and writing fell four points to 474.

► Two Pilgrim High School soccer players died in a car crash on Aug. 31, 2011. Gabrielle DiPalma and Elanna Zuller lost their lives when their car swerved off the road in Exeter. The team's first two games were rescheduled due to the funerals.

► The Warwick Independent School Employees Union signed a three-year contract with the School Committee. The union has about 450 members throughout the school district. The agreement permits small yearly pay increases and requires the members to pay 20 percent of their health care premiums.

► In Central Falls, the police union and its receiver were granted an extension by a bankruptcy judge. The two parties hope to reach an agreement out of court. They both agreed that it would be easier to negotiate when they are not also waging legal battle that could generate animosity and change the terms of a potential deal.

FRIAR FINANCE



By: Arman Oganisian '13, World Editor

Heading Down the Road to Stagflation

Depressing job reports and simultaneous increase in price level seem to signal impending stagflation: a combination of high unemployment and persistently weak growth. Although the unemployment rate is not as morbidly high as last year (peaking at 9.8 percent), it has remained at 9.1 percent for the past four months, with the exception of a brief spike to 9.2 percent in June.

More importantly, unemployment outlooks are not faring well. According to *Bloomberg Businessweek*, the cost of labor rose at its fastest rate in almost three years last quarter at 1.3 percent. Projections remain dim and numerous companies, such as BNY Mellon, Bank of America, and Verizon have recently announced significant layoffs in response to this higher cost of labor. According to *The Boston Globe*, Bank of America Corporation (BAC) announced an intended layoff of 40,000 employees. About a month ago, Verizon (VZ) announced that it intends to lay off 8,000 employees.

Dismal forecasts from corporations are paired with less-than-stellar data. Although productivity jumped after the 2008 recession, it has recently dropped and remained stagnant. For most companies, shaky productivity does not justify the increased costs of labor, prompting them to initiate layoffs.

Nevertheless, it is puzzling that the cost of labor should rise with such a large pool of idle workers. However,



Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange are shown panicking as equities plummet.

according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*, most of the unemployment the U.S. is currently experiencing is structural by nature. Peter Newland, an economist at Barclay's Capital, suggests that the number of jobless workers who are not actually employable (due to outdated skills or other factors) has risen. This explains the simultaneous large supply in labor and its higher cost.

Economists attribute structural unemployment to, among other things, the post-recession overextension of unemployment benefits. Workers receiving benefits for longer periods of time have less incentive to find jobs until after benefits expire. The longer the benefits are extended, the more distant is their expiration. Thus, skills

become outdated as workers remain outside the market for lengthier periods of time.

A key leading indicator of unemployment is auto sales. Cars, often expensive, require loans which must be paid over a significant amount of time. All else constant, weak auto sales suggest a lack of consumer confidence in future employment. After all, consumers will not take out a car loan unless they feel as though they will have a job to pay it off in the future. Economists at Ford announced a weak projection of only 13 million in industry-wide sales. Considering annual sales between 2000 and 2007 averaged 16.8 million, according to

Bloomberg Markets, this is a relatively low forecast. Weak auto sales suggest insecurity regarding future employment status.

In addition to layoffs, firms are reacting to higher costs of production by passing on the costs to consumers in the form of higher prices. According to a quarterly survey conducted by Barlow Research Associates, 53 percent of companies with annual sales of \$10 million to \$500 million have upped prices in the past year. Of the random sample of 149 public and private retailers surveyed, 61 percent plan on price increases in the next year.

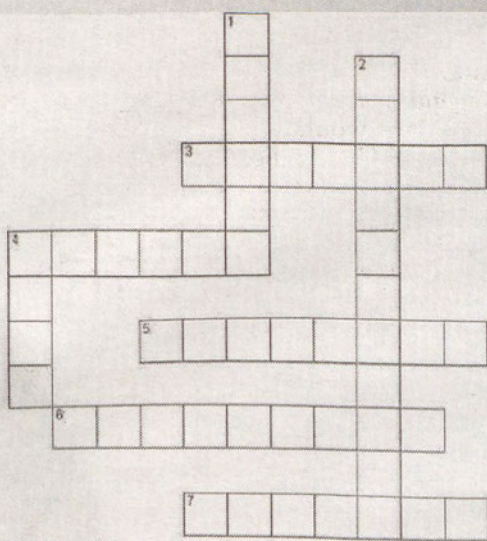
This increase in prices caught the all seeing eye of the Federal Reserve. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) lifted its forecast for core personal consumption expenditure (personal spending excluding food and energy) inflation from 1.2 percent to 1.7 percent.

The price of gold, a good indicator for inflation, points to the same conclusion. Investors flock to the security of gold when they expect future inflation. This necessarily increases the price of gold. Since January, the share price of GLD (an exchange-traded fund tracking gold performance) has risen more than 27 percent, signaling inflation fears.

Persistently weak growth (as shown by high unemployment) and rising prices indicate possible stagflation ahead.

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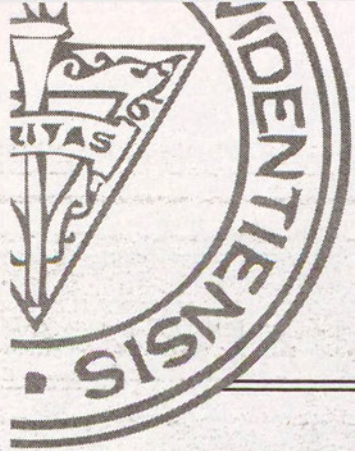
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The 9/11 Generation

A Decade After 9/11, Where Were You That Day and Where Are We Now?

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SOCIETY

We could not tell you what we were doing the day Kennedy was assassinated or where we were when the Challenger exploded. We never wore MIA-POW bracelets and we do not have crazy Woodstock stories. We did not watch President Nixon resign and we didn't cry the day John Lennon was shot. We were not around yet. Maybe we could recall what we were doing the day Princess Dianna died, or where we were the day the glove didn't fit, and we had to acquit. But beyond the death of Princess Di and the O.J. Simpson trial, there were not many, if any, moments we can still remember down to the smallest of details, moments we will tell our grandkids about. That is, until that beautiful September morning that changed life as we knew it.

It is safe to say that the days we remember best are not always the best of days. September 11, 2001: Where were you? What were you doing? Who were you with? What were you thinking? I am sure you remember. I was 11, in Mr. Feeney's sixth grade social studies class. It was the last class I didn't spend worrying that one of my favorite teachers would have to leave. Needless to say, he's been to Iraq and back twice since that morning.

I remember watching the news that day, the same horrifying clip playing on every station. I don't know what was scarier though the news, or the looks on my parents'

Ground Zero, color-coded terror alerts, anthrax scares, and the Patriot Act. We were only kids then, now we're college students, and we're living in a world troubled by war.



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faces. That day, from an office window, my Dad witnessed the World Trade Center disappear from the New York City skyline. My mom lost a childhood friend who worked in the towers. It was the day that I finally got the "You're going to remember this day for the rest of your life" speech—the day I became a part of the 9/11 generation.

But for as much as we can remember from that day, sometimes it's hard to remember life before

It's a world where we wait for hours to take our shoes off and go through metal detectors at airports. We pay four dollars a gallon for gas and \$200,000 for a college education. We have watched friends and family members lose their jobs, and the only thing we know about Dow is that it is dropping. There is debt, suicide bombers, crazy politicians, and a slew of global problems that we're forced to face each day. Bottom line is, you don't need to watch the

evening news to know that the world we are living in is a pretty scary one.

But does the so-called 9/11 generation know more bad than it does good?

There's no denying September 11th is a day we all take with us, and it undoubtedly introduced fear and vulnerability into our lives in a very big way. But as dark as September 11th was, I do not think it is fair to say that our generation is less privy to good things. For all of the darkness that 9/11 unveiled, it also brought forth a light in the form of something far more powerful than fear, and that is hope. Perhaps what I am trying to get at is that the good is still with us; these days it is just harder to find. But that is why we are here—to find it. Times are tough. They have been for a while now, but I would not say that our generation has been hopelessly oppressed by the challenges that lie before us.

If anything, we have been taught to take on life with an unwavering spirit and hope for better things to come; even in a world that is so full of uncertainty.

Ten years ago, we experienced a day unlike any before—a day that we'll remember for the rest of our lives. We may have been in different places, with different people, at different stages in our lives, but it changed us all. So as we continue to acknowledge the 10 year anniversary of September 11th, stop and ask yourself: Where was I that day? And perhaps more importantly: Where am I now because of that day?

9/11 Memorial Meaningless Without Prayer

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SOCIETY

I'm in a tight spot and a friend tells me that they'll "think of me" and be sure to "send positive energy" my way. My reaction? "No thanks. I don't want your 'thoughts.' I want your prayers." Let's be honest. When we're really in trouble and have no one to turn to, there's only one person we're dying to start a conversation with: God. When families lost loved ones to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 10 years ago, no one would have dreamed of telling the survivors that we would merely keep their beloved dead in our thoughts—along with what we needed from the grocery store. We didn't tell them because we knew that in response to such a horrific event as 9/11, man must look beyond himself and submit to a higher authority.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's decision to ban prayer and clergy from the memorial services commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11 this past Sunday is irreverent at best and ludicrous at worst. Mark Tooley, president of the Institute on Religion & Democracy,



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accused Bloomberg of "ignoring most Americans and most New Yorkers by pretending religion is unimportant, even when remembering mass slaughter and heroic sacrifice."

The inability to pray for the victims of 9/11 at the memorial event belittled the sacrifice of nearly 3,000 innocent people. It seems as if these victims are only recalled as a statistic and must be relegated to the six minutes of silent prayer, or "reflection," Bloomberg allows. Americans should not be censored from vocally and proudly hailing Americans and

others who lost their lives 10 years ago to radical Islamic terrorists.

Bloomberg brings up the point that he would like to avoid controversy regarding which clergyman says the prayer and what religion he represents. But is doing away with prayer altogether at a memorial event really appropriate on such feeble grounds? Thousands have already signed petitions demanding prayer at the event. It certainly wouldn't be difficult to promote a prayer with such noble intentions as hope, compassion, and peace, which would appeal to everyone. A *Los Angeles*

Times editorial pointed out that "If a minister can deliver an invocation at a presidential inauguration, it's hard to see a constitutional argument against a non-denominational, clergy-led prayer at a city's memorial event."

Would the inclusion of prayer in the service estrange people? After all, it seems as if religion was what caused 9/11 in the first place. In my book anyway, religion doesn't demand suicide bombers to hijack commercial planes, kill thousands, and terrorize the lives of innocent people. Nor is religious freedom threatened by an appeal to God at the memorial service, much as such a prayer would appear in the funeral of a public figure.

Bloomberg commented on the catastrophic and far-reaching consequences of 9/11. He said, "They attacked the freedom that defines our city and country. The freedom to think and speak and worship and love as we wish."

It's true that the 9/11 terrorists threatened to hold our freedom hostage, but they haven't won. They will only succeed if we're willing to surrender our values to their whims. However, if we no longer have the will or spirit to pray, then we really have lost hope, and they've won.

IN MY HUMBLE Opinion



by Jenn DiPirro '12
Commentary Editor

...getting older is the pits.

In my humble opinion, getting older is the pits. Okay, I realize I am not old in any sense. I'm not retiring, and I don't have grandkids or wrinkles, but last week I turned 22. Needless to say, I now have the ability to look at someone and say, "I am in my twenties." In eight years I will be 30. Gasp! I feel like 22-year-olds have responsibilities. Pretty soon I can no longer be on my parent's health insurance. Pretty soon I will need to get a real job. Pretty soon I will need to make car payments and deal with a landlord. I am no longer a cool, hip 21-year-old. In fact, I have survived the age of infamy. So, what next? Well, there is graduation, the job hunt, and possibly marriage and children within this decade. Am I really talking about this? Is it too soon? Yes, it is too soon. I am just getting started. I still have my whole life in front of me. I don't know what is more scary, the uncertainty of the future or feeling old. I remember being 10. I remember thinking to myself, "I can't wait to be 18." At 18, I couldn't wait to be 21. Right now, I just want to freeze time and make it stop. That, is why, in my humble opinion, getting old is the pits.

Peace in the Face of Evil

by Emily Corr '13
Commentary Staff

SOCIETY

The power of evil is tangible. It can be felt deep within our hearts and minds. It has the power to move us physically, mentally, and emotionally. It seeps into us like rainwater into soil, albeit unwillingly. It catches us by surprise, when our guard is down, and teaches us to never be vulnerable again. In defense, we surround ourselves with glass walls—a fragile layer of protection from the inevitable. But not only does this glass allow us to see all of the potential destruction that comes our way, but it also isolates us from the rest of the world and those that long to comfort us.

“NOTHING ELSE CAN CAUSE SO MUCH PAIN, SADNESS, DEATH, AND DESTRUCTION.”

Perhaps you will say that there is no greater power than evil. Nothing else can cause so much pain, sadness, death, and destruction. Whether it's as small as a little white lie or a full-scale terrorist attack, evil persists in our world, and we are the victims, day in and day out.

For many, this is disappointing reassurance of a world gone wrong. So we give up—we become angry and unforgiving towards one another. We stop trusting our friends, and we avoid those we don't know, and we make cruel and unfair judgments about those we have never met.

But what we do not realize is that this is only fuel to the fire that is evil. If we respond to vice with vice, we are only creating a vicious cycle. There can be no improvement and no hope for a better future. If we want to truly rise above the ashes of wrongdoing, we must learn how to forgive.

Laurence Sterne once said, "Only the brave know how to forgive; it is the most refined and generous pitch of virtue human nature can arrive at." True bravery lies in forgiving your

neighbor for his wrongdoing. It means overpowering their wicked action with a more powerful act of bravery and love.

Think of all those who lost their lives on that tragic Tuesday in September 2001. With every piece of debris that was cleared from the site, a story of heroism and bravery was discovered: those who helped others escape before themselves, courageous responders who rushed into the burning buildings instead of away, and those phone calls home just to say "I love you" one last time. It is in moments of great despair that even greater courage arises.

Honor the fallen. Take their bravery and translate it into your own actions. They did not hesitate for a moment to become angry with their world—they viewed it as a chance to do something

good for it. Every time evil looks you in the eye, take it as an opportunity to be a hero. Whether that means rising above the petty drama that gossip produces or putting your life on the line for your fellow brother, no act of boldness is ever too small.

Why fight violence with violence? Why combat negativity with negativity? Take the high road and lead a life of forgiveness, and inspire others to do the same. We gain strength every time we acknowledge the horror of violence and bravely stand firm in favor of peace. Do not satisfy the Devil. Act as a diplomat for forgiveness and love, and evil will be forever eradicated from the world.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Touching Commemoration. As I sat in Suites the other night, the sound of bagpipes wafted through the window and softly filled the room. I went over to the window, cracked it open and watched as a procession of students circled around the flags placed on the Lower Quad. Students from Fennell and Suites slowly poured out on the Quad to join those who processed from Slavin. As we stood around the flags, listening in silence to the eerie hum of bagpipes, I saw students step out in the middle of the blanket of flags. At first I thought that they were placing something at the foot of the small flags. It was not until a girl in front of me stepped out amongst the flags that I realized what was happening. In the evening breeze, some of the flags had toppled over, and she was righting the fallen flags. Maybe it was a sudden rush of patriotism or the knowledge that each flag represented a life lost in the 9/11 attacks, but whatever the reason, I was moved by the love these students exhibited. We were all touched in some way by the attack on 9/11 and felt the pain of loss. The gesture of the students who stepped out to right the fallen flags was their small act of courage and hope in a time of fear and sadness. —Tommy Cody '13

MVP of Ray. Why in the world did Janina get taken off of card-swiping duty at Ray? Is this some cruel joke? What could possibly justify such negligence on Sodexo's part? Did she get caught juicing in the off-season or something? I need answers and I need them now. It's not even funny. I felt confused, helpless, and frankly, a little scared last week as I watched Janina—the veteran gatekeeper of Ray—butter buns and refill salad bar stations like some sort of rookie. I mean, didn't she just notch a decade of dominance as the undisputed ace of that card-swiping staff (Fran, Dot, and Ann: You guys all hold your own, but we all know Janina got the ball when it counted). So yeah, I was totally out of my element as I watched her make sure there was enough Thousand Island dressing. It was just a bizarre sight to see. I felt like I was watching Brady play offensive line or something. I mean, Mantle hit bombs, Ricky Henderson stole bases, and Roger Clemens threw heat—Janina swipes cards and denies access if you are a nano-second late; it's in her DNA. How about a little respect here? She has to be Ray Cafeteria's all-time MVP. I don't think anyone else is even in the conversation at this point. Like if you could collect playing cards of all the Ray workers, a rookie Janina would be worth bank. I don't really care how good the up-and-coming talent might be—Janina's earned her stripes. Put her back in. —Max Widmer '12

Best Thing Since... Sliced bread first hit store shelves in 1928, and it's had a pretty good run. For the past 83 years, anything and everything good, great, and grand that comes around is constantly compared to it. It's the Michael Jordan of new and exciting things. You might think that someone is the next greatest basketball player to walk the face of the Earth, but unless you start to get compared to Michael Jordan, you haven't really made it. But, while I think that no one will ever dethrone Michael as the high watermark of basketball stardom, sliced bread has definitely met its match—the Brita. While I know I'm a little late in hopping on the bandwagon, it is certainly time to give credit where credit is due. It's a life changer. No more plastic bottle avalanche pouring out of your recycling bins. No more guessing game about who left what three-quarter-full bottle of Poland Springs lying around the room. No more lugging of massive 24 packs of bottles up to your room. There must be some sort of financial benefit and the environmental impact must be vast. I challenge a reader to figure that stuff out because it would surely be compelling. I also challenge you to change your manner of speaking. "Yeah, man, that stuff's the best thing since the Brita." Boom. —Matt Santos '14

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The Decade in Politics: Post 9/11 America

How Much Has *Really* Changed?

by Ewen Finser '12
Commentary Staff

POLITICS

Within minutes, the news spread like wildfire. Jubilant crowds streamed into the streets from Lafayette Park to the sacred soil of Ground Zero. From Penn State to right here at Providence College, spontaneous groups of young students formed and celebrated. Instead of the annual "Civ. Scream," students chanted "U.S.A. and they raised the American flag into the warm May night air. Osama Bin Laden is dead. And for one generation, a page had turned. Or had it? How was a generation conceived in a global War on Terror coming to grips with this new reality?

For Americans born at the tail end of the 1980s and through the mid-1990s, coming of age was defined by the War on Terrorism. The college students of today were the ones whom the events of 9/11 affected most formatively. There was one man

whose specter particularly haunted the imaginations of those coming of age in a post 9/11 world. Along with the images of the Twin Towers seared forever into their collective consciousness was the shaggy, bearded presence of Osama Bin Laden. Like the bogeyman, he operated at the borders of myth and reality. He was at once the embodiment of pure evil, but simultaneously elusive and evanescent.

Having come of age in this environment, the news of Bin Laden's death was more of an inexplicable gasp of euphoria than a pivotal moment in time. The generation of the 1970s and early 1980s saw the end of communism. Crowds of ecstatic Germans rushing past the Berlin Wall at Checkpoint Charlie marked the end of an era for them with poignancy. With the fall of the Iron Curtain, there was a sense of renewed optimism and hope for the world. Similarly, the generation which came to age in the 1960s—our parents'—was defined by an era of anti-war protest, the Vietnam experience, Watergate, the Civil Rights movement, and John F. Kennedy. All these occasions marked a

palpable turning point. The generation before—our grandparents—witnessed the defeat of modern fascism and the end of traditional world war.

Because of 9/11, it was this generation who grew up without fathers or mothers, or uncles and aunts. It was this generation whose fathers or mothers, aunts or uncles, older sisters or brothers, were overseas fighting on the sunburnt sands of Iraq or patrolling the seldom trodden hills of the Tora Bora. And for all of these young Americans, there still remained a persistent question hovering in the back of their minds: where was Osama? His death was memorable and the world is one less evil zealot, thanks to some brave Navy Seals, but there are no armistices or treaties to sign. Troops don't come home all together, but in a slow feeble trickle, fading swiftly back into the fabric of everyday society. September 11 marked a supreme tragedy. Ten years later this generation is seeing the end of operations in Iraq, but a new global war continuing. There are no VJ days, civil rights marches, grand victory speeches, or defeated ideologies (yet) for this generation.

Ten years after the fateful events of September 11th, 2001, this generation occupies a vague purgatory, neither here nor there. Just two weeks ago, the government announced the killing of Al Qaeda's Atiyah Abd al-Raham, the purported "number two" man in Al Qaeda. And yet, the fight goes on and the status quo seems to persist. There are no ticker tape parades, but there is disillusionment and simmering frustration in our political discourse. Amid a depressed economy with few, fleeting glimmers of hope, and wars in the Middle East which have lasted almost a decade, it is hard to tell what we were celebrating that night on the first of May. Like the exuberance with which our generation elected a president on the slogan of "hope" only to be met with disappointment, the celebration seems peculiar and unnerving in hindsight.

We are left with more questions than answers about where we stand today. While the future is uncertain, the past is ours to honor. Let us never forget.

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9/11 in the Eyes of A Muslim American

by Saadia Ahmad '14
Guest Commentary

SOCIETY

I find God's Providence in the proximity in time between the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and this year's Ramadan, the holy month of the Islamic calendar in which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset, as well as control negative thoughts and emotions. It is a time to actively purify and nourish the heart, body, mind, and soul, through willful deprivation, steadfast prayer, and critical self-reflection.

As a nation united not by color or creed, but by a greater good in our belief of human rights and freedom, we all stand witness to the pain of loss and helplessness experienced by so many. I honor and pray for those who have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of the actions of those who merely claim to be following God's word in their pursuit of senseless, sickening acts of hate. In doing so, however, I cannot and will not agree with venting such emotions towards any group. To simply watch such isolating barriers form would entrap us into accomplishing the goals set forth by terrorists, and as an American and as a Muslim, I cannot allow such groups to destroy our freedoms in fear.

It is my responsibility as a member of both groups to fully support our constitutional right freedom of speech, regardless of whether its content agrees with my personal beliefs. Our

Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin, realized this, stating, "Those who are willing to sacrifice liberty for security deserve neither." My reason for supporting speech is clear—without such freedoms, our country would not be what it is today. If we continue to sacrifice liberty for security, will there ultimately be any liberty to protect?

In voicing such support, however, I must emphasize the utmost importance of determining the appropriateness of the content and the form of presentation. My personal approach to such matters is to examine the ultimate impact—whether it leads to peace and acceptance, or to fear and prejudice.

Yesterday, I attended an event that I found more situated toward

Muslim community for the purpose of understanding threats that the group poses to Western civilization, rather than from a standpoint of genuinely seeking to peacefully and happily coexist with one another, to share similarities and celebrate the differences in our faith traditions. The goal may be the same, but the means through which it is achieved affect the journey towards its achievement.

In the midst of such rhetoric, anti-Shariah law proposals, and oppositions to proposed mosque constructions, I ask you to defend me as I would defend you so that, God forbid, should it ever be needed, I will one day be able to defend you from our common enemy of hate, intolerance,

of praying differed from the one of those surrounding me, but the prayer itself, rather than the way of praying, connected me to my fellow friars, brothers, and sisters near me.

Each of us standing in the chapel that night represented such a variance of experiences, knowledge, and histories that I cannot even begin to list such an infinite list. Yet our one commonality, our desire and search for peace, unified such diversity before God—we may call Him various names and describe Him differently, but we all pray to and seek comfort, reconciliation, and strength from the same Being.

The continued integration of diversity in our world is indeed inevitable. It is but a matter of choice, now, whether we choose to embrace and support such differences, to close ourselves off from different ideas and values, or to remain apathetic and do neither. The choice is yours, but the fate is shared by us all.

“EACH OF US STANDING IN THE CHAPEL REPRESENTED A VARIANCE OF EXPERIENCES.”

the latter. In the wake of the 10th anniversary, the College hosted a speaker for its Academic Convocation known prominently for Christian-Jewish relations and, in recent times, for Christian-Muslim relations. I later understood his intention to be to better understand those who surround us, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, in our government, and in our world. Initially, however, I reacted with deep concern and anxiety for the impact his rhetoric may impart on those lacking an extensive knowledge of the contexts from which he spoke.

I am deeply troubled that the College hosted a speaker who called for Catholics to better understand the

and misunderstanding.

In sharp contrast to this speaker, Campus Ministry hosted a prayer vigil on the evening of Monday, September 12, for the 10th anniversary of 9/11, inviting all Catholic and non-Catholic members of the community to unite and pray together for the fulfillment of our human need for peace, within our own hearts and within our communities and our world.

Shivers ran down my spine with each spoken prayer, followed by with a softly sung, "Lord, hear our prayer," from the choir, as I held my hands together facing upward, reciting similar prayers in the Arabic language and of the Islamic faith. My method



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FAITH MATTERS

by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.

Now that we're all back on campus, many of you have begun the school year with the best of intentions. Maybe you're set on making the Dean's List or on being more involved with campus activities. Perhaps you want to spend more quality time with friends. That's all great. Like you, I've also decided to make some resolutions. Right at the top of the list: I'm determined to exercise more regularly.

“ I INVITE YOU TO MAKE ONE MORE RESOLUTION: GO TO CHURCH EVERY WEEK. ”

And so it happened that on the first day of classes, I made my way over to the Concannon Fitness Center to work out for the first time in many months. With my iPod in one hand and a grape Powerade in the other, I tentatively climbed atop one of those elliptical contraptions. Everything was fine, until I looked at the girl next to me. I saw that she had her machine set at a high level of resistance and at a fairly significant incline. “No problem,” I thought. “I can do that. I was a great high school athlete and an Intramural champion at PC back in the day. Piece of cake.” Forgetting that my glory days are 20 years past, I jacked up the machine to match what the girl next to me was doing. Big mistake. Within about 10 seconds, my legs were swinging so wildly back and forth that I thought both the elliptical death trap and I would burst into flames at any

moment. I quickly shut off the machine, shuffled off in shame, and consoled myself with a couple of donuts.

What's true in the gym is also true in the chapel. Each one of us is in different “spiritual shape.” Some are regular churchgoers who can pray easily and with much joy. Others haven't been to church in a long time and aren't really sure what to do when they get there. Or they might be plagued by doubts

and unsure about why they're going in the first place. But none of that really matters. What's important is that you show up and ask God to help you grow closer to Him and to one another. Just keep showing up and making a good effort; God will take care of the rest.

So, as a new year begins, I invite you to make one more resolution: Go to church every week. Let this be the semester that you decide to grow in your faith. You'll find that every area of your life will improve for having made that commitment. You'll embark upon the great adventure of discovering why you're here and what you're supposed to do with your life. But it will only happen if you resolve to show up.

Masses are in St. Dominic Chapel on Sundays at 4:30, 7:00, and 10:30 p.m. All levels of spiritual fitness are welcome.

Campus Coffee Crisis

by Genevieve Marie Ilg '14
Asst. Commentary Editor

CAMPUS

It is slowly becoming time for serious schoolwork in this new semester—books to be read, papers to be written, equations to be ponder—which can only mean one thing—more coffee to be consumed. The statistics prove it. Americans need their coffee. Almost 70 percent of Americans said they were hooked on the beverage in a 2009 survey conducted by the National Coffee Association. While numerous benefits exist for college students drink coffee, Providence College has recently prevented students from getting their caffeine fix. The Class of 2015 will have to adjust to campus without ever experiencing Jazzman's Café and PC

skinny white mocha latte and found an empty room.

The argument could be made that Alumni has adopted Perk's old hours, and therefore, caffeinated beverages, as well as a larger variety of food, can be purchased. There is a demand for freshly crafted lattes and Friartown blitzes and no one wants sushi at 1 a.m. PC is only wasting resources keeping Alumni, instead of Perk, open. I do not want to continue pumping 12-hour-old coffee into a small cup in lieu of a caramel macchiato. PC has not done us any favors with these changes!

I find it extraordinarily inconsiderate that PC would act in such a way. Without the students, this campus would not exist, and yet PC sliced our coffee supply in half and reduced our access to it. Again, I do not recall ever being surveyed about this change. I am just forced to oblige. Yet, I can say with

“ I FIND IT EXTRAORDINARILY INCONSIDERATE THAT PC WOULD ACT IN SUCH A WAY. ”

Perk's late night hours, leaving the rest of the student body in a total uproar.

Not once was I asked if I enjoyed the products at Jazzman's or if I wanted Perk to shut down early. Had I (or the rest of the student body) been, made aware of this potential change would never have occurred. And I find that to be the most disheartening thing. PC claims to cater to its students, and yet, I was never once consulted about the possibility of changing the way the campus' two cafés function. Furthermore, I was not even informed of the changes. I only learned about Perk's new hours through the grapevine. I learned Jazzman's was gone when I moved into Suites and walked to Davis in search of a grande

certainty that students' cold hard cash was the primary feeder into Perk's and Jazzman's businesses. I speak for every PC student when I ask for, at the very least, a return to Perk's original hours and menu.



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Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time



Dear Refugee,
Inside every girl lies a selfish, untamed beast- this is a fact of life, and the sooner you learn to tap into that wild side of yours and follow your instincts, the better. While these girls may be your “best biddies,” ultimately you have to realize that every girl is looking out for numero uno. All's fair in the game of pita and hummus, so if you want those extra chips before they run out, you have to learn the art of the grab-and-go. By the time your roommates have dished out their first helpings, you should already be on your seconds. If your reflexes are disturbingly slow, however, you might want to start making subtle comments about how much weight your roomies have gained. “Wow, it's a good thing those pants are stretchy,” or maybe, “Wasn't that shirt a little looser before?” should do the trick. Best case scenario: your roomies will develop such negative self-images that they won't even think about going near the fridge. Holla! But watch your step, soldier. Talking about a girl's weight is like stepping into a minefield, and if your words aren't careful enough, you'll have to be ready to face the explosion.

Hugs for Hummus,

Tiffany

This Week: Hands Off My Hummus

Dear Tiffany & Earl,

I am a junior and I am so excited to be living in an apartment on campus with five of my best girls! Or I was, until we all decided to share food. The six of us are splitting the grocery bill every week, but some of us eat substantially more than others. I came back from class the other day and all of the hummus and pita chips were gone! We had only had them in the refrigerator for a day and I did not get any! This is not my idea of sharing. I am wondering what the best way would be to approach this issue with my roommates without World War III erupting.

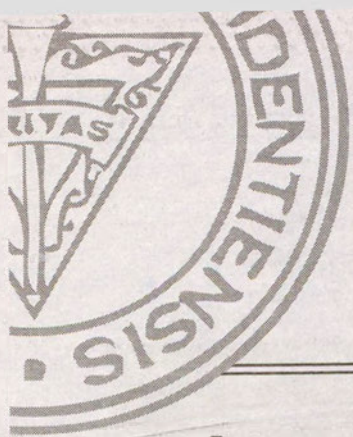
From,
Ravenous Refugee

Dear Ravenous,

It's pretty rare for me to hear a girl complaining about not getting enough food, so I can only assume that you are eating prodigiously. With this in mind, the depletion of your hoard can only benefit you. Maybe instead of whining about your greasfat supplies running low, you could haul your bloated carcass over to the gym and try a little weightlifting. It'd improve your disposition as well as your figure. I don't know why you're so afraid of confronting your roommates, either. If I had a beef with a roomie-bro, I'd address the situation directly, in a heart-to-heart conversation followed by some shirtless snuggling. Your hefty girth might rule out the snuggling, and nobody wants to see you shirtless, but stop being a passive-aggressive cat and talk to your roommates. You live with these people; if you can't pry apart your five chins for a short conversation about living space, you aren't mature enough to live with anyone but your mother.

Much love,

EARL



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What was the weirdest thing you did this summer?



"We went tubing in shark-infested water."

Rachel Lalosa '15, Clare Plassche '15,
Megan Skrypek '15, Bridgid Webster '15



"We dreamt about being in *The Cowl*."

Dana Shepard '14, Tim Bergeron '12



"I hid in a Port-A-Potty."

Melissa Suckow '14



"I accidentally tripped the President when I met him."

Eddie Brady '13



"We went to a German castle for a wedding in a horse and buggy."

Erik Pottinger '14, Colin Robb '14,
Charlie Gallagher '14



"We slung turkey legs and ate fried butter on a stick at the Iowa State Fair."

Meredith Cook '13, Sarah Henry '13



**"I went shopping at
J. Crew."**

-Lady Gaga

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ABOVE:
Chaplain Fr. James Cuddy and Student Minister Michael Wahl talk with a student at Campus Ministry's Fall Open House on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 13.

TOP RIGHT:
Various faculty members and students attended the annual Academic Convocation, on Wednesday, Sept. 14, during which new faculty members and those retiring from their work at Providence College were recognized.

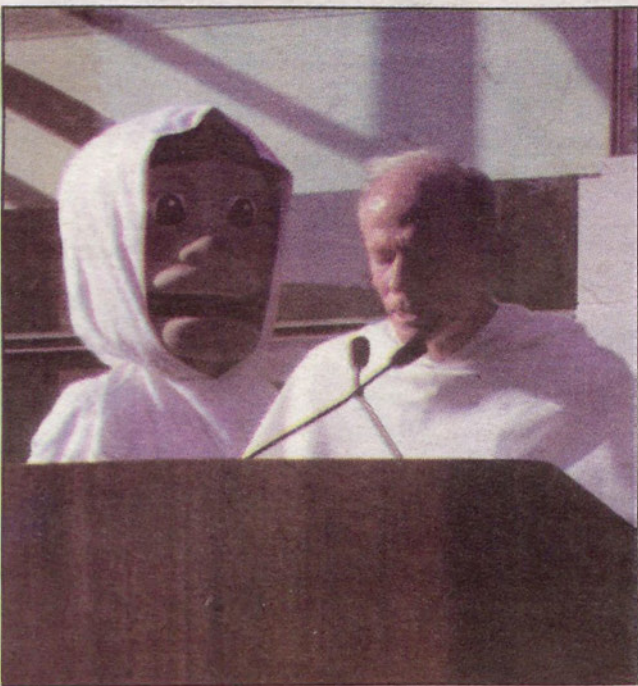
BELOW:
Fr. Brian Shanley blesses the renovated Slavin Center at Provapalooza, which took place Friday afternoon on Sept. 9 and was hosted by Student Affairs, Campus Ministry, and BOP.



Pilfering Pangolins by Bridget Reed '12



Attempts to smuggle Pangolins disguised as fish to China at the Jakarta Airport in Indonesia are thwarted.



RIGHT:
Students gathered to enjoy a BBQ dinner hosted by the Raymond Hall staff, as well as to participate in various games and activities, sponsored by Student Affairs, Campus Ministry, and BOP, on Sept. 9.





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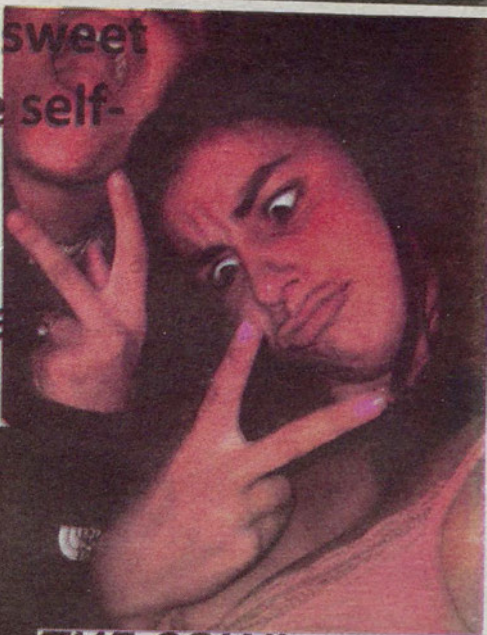


LEFT:
NYPD Detective Steven McDonald spoke in '64 Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 14, about violence and forgiveness. He has been quadriplegic since 1985, when he was shot in the line of duty.

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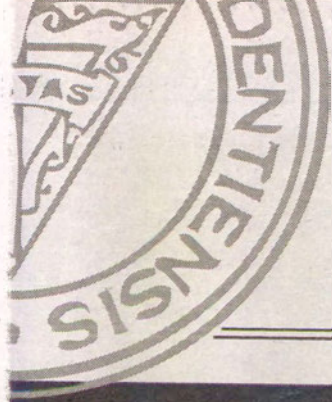
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The End of *Entourage*

by Ryan Waxon '12
A&E Staff

Remember when *Entourage* was an awesome little show about climbing the ladder of success in the tumultuous world of Hollywood? Nowadays, most people don't, but I certainly do.

When *Entourage* originally aired its first season back in 2004, I was a mere 14 years old and new to the notion of the HBO original series. I did not watch the show when it first aired, and most people reading this article probably didn't either. The show grew in popularity through strong word of mouth, good DVD sales, and a pretty memorable cameo by Val Kilmer as the Sherpa (a marijuana kingpin) towards the end of the first season. By season three, the show had caught on and established a real audience—one mostly made up of bros.

For a few solid years, the familiar formula of *Entourage* worked and entertained every summer. It had the promise of frequent marijuana use, beautiful women (oftentimes naked), and witty banter between the lovable characters of Vince, E, Drama, Turtle, and Ari. It remained a familiar (sometimes verging on too familiar) but consistently watchable series.

Like any good television show, the quality of the series eventually hit a wall and began its steady decline. I believe it was somewhere in the middle of the annoying, multi-season Medelin story arc that the show began its downward spiral into mediocrity. Vince simply became annoying and E transformed into a full-on wimp. The storylines became more casual, and some episodes ended with nothing happening after 22 lighter-than-air minutes. Ari, Turtle, and Drama became funny background noise, usually suffering from a lack of screen time and, oftentimes, dumb subplots.

The weekly Sunday summer tradition of watching a show everyone loved turned into a Monday morning conversation about what level of suck *Entourage* achieved the night before. For the last three seasons, *Entourage* generally only delivered when it came to its star-studded season finales, and whenever Jeremy Piven was on the screen.

Now, I must move on to the extremely short, eight-episode final season, which wrapped up last Sunday night. All summer long, there had been turmoil within the *Entourage* family. Throughout season eight, it looked as if the all-powerful Ari Gold would be getting a divorce, which would result in both his

personal and financial ruin. Ari's story arc was the most interesting one of the season by far, mainly because it was so different. Never before in the entire run of the series had he been so exposed and weak. This season even offered up multiple Jeremy Piven crying scenes. Though the series may have declined steeply in the last few years, Ari Gold never stopped delivering.

The same cannot be said for the rest of the cast. This point is most evident when looking at the E and Sloan storyline. Both of these characters became awful shells of their former selves, stuck in the cycle of breaking up and getting back together. If you watch a random episode from any season, there is about a 50/50 shot of seeing them either fighting or in love. Though it appears they have made amends in the series finale, I would not be surprised to find out in two years, when the inevitable *Entourage* movie is released, that the couple has been divorced.

The series ended in a pretty classic way, with both closure and a reminder as to what the show was really about. In the case of *Entourage*, it reminded us that the show essentially boiled down to the notion of unconditional friendship. The last 10 minutes of the show had Vince going around resolving the problems of his friends who mooched off of him since childhood. He oversaw the reconciliation between E and Sloan, bribed an angry producer to get Drama put into a T.V. movie, and helped make Turtle a millionaire, all while asking for nothing in return. There was also the minor detail of him courting the beautiful *Vanity Fair* reporter Sophia, his future wife, but it was all done off-screen and it seemed as if nobody cared.

As the final minutes of *Entourage* came to a close, the gang was off to Paris to attend Vince's random wedding, and Ari was off to live abroad after reconnecting with his wife. All seemed well for the crew as the screen faded to black. That is, until after the credits, when Ari appeared with his wife at an Italian villa and a ringing phone. On the other line: a setup for the *Entourage* movie and a fundamental question as to what actually drives Ari Gold.

Entourage was a great, and oftentimes frustrating, series. It will be missed from the HBO lineup, but the end was necessary. It was beginning to feel like the Brett Favre of the network, sprinkled with remaining gasps of greatness, but overshadowed by some personal crises.

BORDERS NO MORE

THE SAD DEMISE OF A ONCE BOOMING BOOKSTORE

by Marisa Urgo '14
A&E Staff

If you've been to the Providence Place Mall lately, you have seen signs in the windows of Borders denoting that they are going out of business—not just in Providence, but as a chain. Although this means great sales for nerdy book lovers like myself, it also means that nearly 11,000 people will lose their jobs and there will be a plethora of vacant stores nationwide. Furthermore, I think this illustrates how the market for books and reading itself is changing, and I'm not sure if it's for the better.

It's agreed that a large reason for Borders' initial decision to file for bankruptcy was a result of its failure to produce a popular electronic reader like Barnes and Nobles' Nook or Amazon's Kindle. The way electronic readers work is that you buy the device and download electronic books straight to your handheld "e-reader." Despite the fact that the e-reader is an expensive investment, the e-books are often cheaper than conventional books, as they come in digital format. Electronic readers are seen as more convenient because they do not require leaving home to run to the library or bookstore, do not take up ink or trees, and can be read in complete darkness due to backlight. Many new e-readers even have the superb ability to read text out loud for those who have reading issues or visual impairments.

While I think that an e-reader is an excellent idea for some, I do not

think it should be a substitute for the conventional book. It may sound cliché, but there is no comparison between holding the paper in your hands while thumbing through pages and an electronic device that will eventually go out of style. It's a personal preference, but I really think that true book lovers will forgo an e-reader for not only the sake of physically holding books, but also for the reading experience. Browsing the internet for books is nothing like the serendipity of walking through a bookstore to find a novel you've wanted for months, only to have another shimmering cover catch your eye.

That is another drawback to the e-books; an author puts much more work into a book than just text. In an e-book, you miss out on cover art and other efforts the author has made. For all of the environment lovers out there, you actually are causing more damage to the Earth when you read an e-book. While paper and ink are spared, an e-reader is produced with toxic substances, and the energy involved requires more rare earth minerals for the non-biodegradable product.

If Borders, the second-largest bookstore chain in the country, can't stay open, I worry for the small, private businesses. The importance of reading needs to be stressed through long-lasting books we can actually hold and flip through. An e-reader only appeals to people who can actually afford one, but reading should be accessible to someone of any social class, race, or gender.



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8 TRACKS

PLAYLISTS FOR PLAYAS

by Haley Webster '14
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If college has made me appreciate one thing, it's the power of a reliably distracting Web site. Since I'm actually in recovery for my StumbleUpon addiction, and it seems that Facebook has been handed down to the middle schoolers (and their parents), the new outlet for keeping me away from any academic growth is 8tracks.com. If StumbleUpon and Pandora had a child, who was kind of a hipster and had a little ADHD, it would be 8tracks.

The entire purpose of 8tracks, a play on words of the mixtapes that your Dad used to woo your mom with in the '80s, is to distract you with playlists for every occasion. Each playlist must have at least 8 tracks (get it?), and the same artist can't be played more than twice. So unlike Pandora, you can't listen to just Katy Perry for 6 hours straight, even if you wanted to (...but you don't), which is a mild blessing. Each playlist is made by another user who coincidentally has the same taste in music as you, so if you find yourself creeping through the depths of a stranger's created mixes, don't worry, it's totally acceptable. Labeled appropriately with titles like "Something to Drown in Homework to" and "Perfect '90s Driving Music," each playlist was made for a specific situation. But whoever made

"Commercialism," a collection of all the songs you hear for 15 seconds on commercials and love, was clearly making it for a specific person—ME. You can always go a little wild, listen to "Mondays Suck" on Thursday and see what happens. However, if you're down to press play on "Get Paid, Get Laid" at dinner with your grandparents, that's all you.

As we start the new year in a productive burst, remember that in a few weeks when the study lounges clear out and you can actually find a treadmill at the gym, you're going to need something to keep you from any possibility of productivity. What's better than sitting in the library, taking up an entire table with all of your books and studiously positioning yourself behind your laptop, while secretly not doing anything productive at all? Nothing. And yes, I'm that girl. So judge me all you want when roaming Phillips Memorial looking for an empty table, while I'm enlightening myself with a seamless playlist of T-Swift covers, surrounded by my faux-academic barrier of Civ books that have never actually been opened. So render your procrastinating arsenal, add 8tracks to your bookmarks on Safari (after StumbleUpon and Facebook, of course), and prepare to fall pleasantly behind in all of your classes. May I suggest "Middle School Bangers" to start you off on your new journey?



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Let's Rant & Rave

This Week: Dining Addendums and Amendments

by Sarah Dombroski '13
A&E Editor

I saw it in a dream. Amidst the legions of Ray workers and scrambled eggs, sloppy joes and grilled chicken, there it was: Flo's To Go. Shrouded in a cloud of mysticism and steam from the new toaster, Flo's seemed to illuminate all of Ray Café with its magic. Alas—it was only a dream.

Or was it? Upon entering Ray Dining Hall on an unassuming Friday morning before school officially started, I saw the fabled booth perched at the far end of our beloved cafeteria.

Stu Gerhardt said, "Let there be a modern bungalow for students on the go." And there was Flo's To Go.

Although Flo's is quite a lavish addition to our new dining options, it should not overshadow the rest of the significant changes to our culinary landscape. Let's start with something small, but significant: the chili sauce next to the condiments. Delicious on chicken, and various sandwiches...trust me. Next, we'll spend a minute on the "Fire + Ice" station that claims "Theme Cuisine" during dinner. It isn't wonderful, but kudos on the creativity. There was definitely effort put into that station, and there is always a line. The ice cream, iced coffee, and varied salad bar are all welcome additions (but where is the crusty bread?!) to our home away from home. Ray definitely has had a subtle face-lift, and, as an epicurious individual, I appreciate that.

However, our other, better dining hall that we cannot use meal swipes

at has had a straight up full-body makeover. Slavin—alias, Alumni Dining Hall—has been straight up reconstructed—and for the better. But it should be known that this article would have had an entirely different tone if they did not bring back the buffalo chicken wrap. I think I can speak for the rest of the student body when I say a week without it was a week too long. All of the stations are good; Yella's isn't as claa\$y as Flo's, but you win some you lose some. My only critique would be that this new Slavin must be health-conscious or something, because I don't understand this portion control business. I dislike that I can eat my sandwiches in two bites, as that does not make me feel like my Friar Bucks were well spent.

Thus far, I have been fairly positive about all of the changes made in the food service spectrum. However, I have a bone to pick. Anger is not capable of expressing how I feel about the absence of my beloved Jazzman's Café. I adored Jazzy's (nicknames always express affection better than actual names) for the entirety of my freshman and sophomore years,

and am devastated to see it go. I realize this was not Providence College's doing, but regardless, it is no longer in my life. Instead, the C-Store will be expanded, which is actually just like re-opening the gaping hole left by Jazzy's and pouring rubbing alcohol in it. Sorry, but the C-Store is the pits. Speaking of the pits, PC Perk is just as mediocre, but now with terrible hours. I'll admit, I like to indulge in a Bleu Buffalo once in a while, but not at 11 in the morning, which seems to be the only time PC Perk is actually open. I don't see the point in stocking up on all of that stuff if there is going to be minimal foot traffic there

during the hours it's actually open, after all, PC Perk got most of the 9:00 p.m. rush while kids were studying in Slavin and desperately needed something caffeinated. So...what's the point? (Not to mention the fact that the coffee is terrible...)

All in all, we have definitely taken a step forward. I no longer feel the need to write "How to Survive Your Freshman Year's Unlimited Meal Plan" articles anymore, as I actually adore Ray. I am pleased with the additions and addendums, and, minus our favorite Jazz Café's notable absence, I think this school year's feasting is off to a jolly good start.



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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Back-to-School Activity

Sarah Dombroski

Favorite Back-to-School Activity: Hitting up LaSalle Bakery

Her Views: Ah, it's that time again. No, no—not the annual trip to buy school supplies (which I love), or that first step onto the beautiful campus of Providence College. The glorious moment I am referring to is that special second right after the crisped Italian bread of the Local Favorite explodes onto your taste buds. This is approximately my seventh article about LaSalle, and I can't say I'm embarrassed. By now I'd say the entire Cowl-reading, and non-Cowl reading, I suppose, population, is aware about my feelings toward food, and subsequently LaSalle. As a sandwich aficionado, I can say, with expertise, that LaSalle's are the best. If you count burritos as sandwiches, Baja is a close second. Even if we expand to the entire landscape of portable foods: calzones, breakfast sandwiches, cookies, cupcakes, fantastic iced coffee (not a food, but whatever), LaSalle still reigns supreme.

Her Views of Tim: If I had a penny for every crazy hipster I see on Thayer, lounging with their hackey sacks and beanies, or weaving through oncoming traffic on their longboards, I would be a rich woman. But actually, hipsters are the pits, and Thayer is practically breeding them. Additionally, the parking situation is terrible. However, I can't fault it too much (and I really only am now for the sake of argument) as I too love to hang on Thayer. The feeding grounds draw me in, but banging stores like Nava and Berk's keep me there for hours upon hours.

Tim Morris

Favorite Back-to-School Activity: Hanging out on Thayer Street

His Views: There is a street in Providence under which I hope to be buried one day, and it goes by the name of Thayer. Whenever the craziness of campus life gets to be a little too much, I know that this paved paradise is only fifteen minutes away. Want some hearty Mexican food? Forget Cactuz. The friendly faces of Baja Tex Mex whip up a better burrito, guiding the hungry college student through a colorful selection of beans, sauces, meats, and veggies. Thayer boasts some other cultural eats as well. Kabob and Curry caters to lovers of Indian food, and East Side Pockets's gyros and falafel make me feel right at home (but I'm actually from Philadelphia). Truth is, though, that the reason why I go to Thayer Street has something to do with the atmosphere. Don't be so quick to knock the common folk here. Yeah, the pants may be a little too tight, and the glasses a little too artsy, but sometimes I need a break from pastel shorts and boat shoes.

His Views of Sarah: Alright, so I've never had to rail against a lover of baked goods before, but I'm sure I can come up with something. To start it off, since carbohydrates are the devil, LaSalle is basically Dante's *Inferno*. But it's not so obvious at first. Entering through the ironclad gates, you are confronted by the tantalizing aromas of croissants, muffins, sandwiches, and coffees. All seems innocent as you rummage around in your wallet, unwittingly handing over bits of your soul to the charmer on the other side of the counter. The point at which you realize your error arrives when you wipe the final crumbs away from the corners of your mouth. You're a prisoner of LaSalle now, free to leave for certain spans of time, but ultimately drawn back to 993 Smith Street. This is my elaborate rebuttal, brought on by someone who picked the only thing in the world that everyone can agree on (except maybe Celiacs).



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Picks of the Week

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Gorilla Manor Local Natives

A relatively young band from Silver Lake, Los Angeles, the members of Local Natives came together shortly after graduating from UCLA in 2007. Work

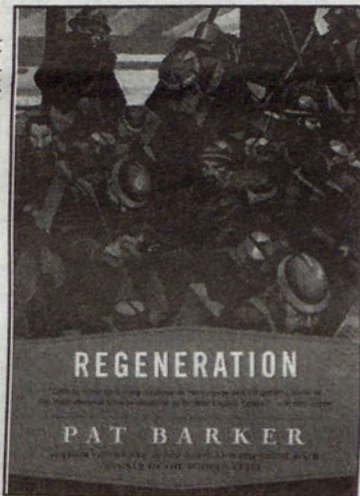


soon followed on their first album, *Gorilla Manor*, a project that was funded by the bandmates themselves. It proved to be a fruitful artistic venture. The almighty Pitchfork bestowed upon the album a rating of 8.4, describing their sound as having "afropop-influenced guitars with hyperactive drumming and hooky three-part harmonies." Personally, *Gorilla Manor* is one of only a handful of albums that I deem appropriate for all occasions: studying, backyard barbecuing, or wistful afternoon contemplation. "Wide Eyes" is arguably the most impressive track, beginning with a twangy instrumental piece accompanied by ceaseless (but

light) drumming. Airy vocals (reminiscent of Fleet Foxes) soon join the fray, and the lyrics aren't just banter inserted to fill the void: "All the men of faith and men of science had their questions. / Could it ever be on earth as it is in heaven?" Other tracks only add to the glorious diversity of *Gorilla Manor*. "Airplanes" is elegiac in its focus on a deceased relative and "Who Knows, Who Cares" adopts a more optimistic view on life. Want some eye candy to go along with this delicious, aural entrée? Get on down to YouTube and check out some of the stunning music videos that Local Natives have produced.

Regeneration by Pat Barker

A must-read for anyone who cares about history, *Regeneration* offers an enlightening look at the myriad psychological and physical effects of fighting in World War I. While the book is largely fictional, Barker makes use of characters that were actually involved with the war effort in real life. One such individual is Dr. W.H.R. Rivers, a psychiatrist employed by the British army. His daunting task is to aid the suffering soldiers of Craiglockhart War Hospital, one of whom is the fictional Siegfried Sassoon. In many ways, Sassoon exemplifies the young man swept into a war about which he feels ambivalent; however, unlike many of these youths, Sassoon actually has the elocution to express the emotions of trench warfare. He is a poet and his writings against the war are the reason why he lands in Craiglockhart. Rivers struggles with "curing" Sassoon of this anti-war feeling, recognizing that Sassoon has no disorder, but that he was placed in the hospital to be purged of a belief. Barker mostly focuses on this relationship between Rivers and Sassoon, but looks at other patients as well. Some soldiers experience hallucinations brought on by "shell-shock," or post-traumatic stress disorder. Others deal with depression and repressed homosexuality. Indeed, the mood and themes of *Regeneration* are very grave, but the novel remains one of the most intimate explorations of war's effect on the mind.



The American Directed by Anton Corbijn

Growing up, I saw George Clooney quite a bit. In the '90s, we saw him run around the hospital hallways of *ER*, hitting on all the hot lady doctors and resuscitating anything with(out) a pulse. Then, we witnessed him trying to haul home an impressive catch in *The Perfect Storm*. When I thought that *Ocean's Eleven*, *Twelve*, and *Thirteen*



made George as cool as he could ever be, it turned out that I was wrong. *The American* marks his peak performance. This movie finds our leading man in the role of Jack, a man living in a secluded area of Sweden with his lover. Alas, in Hollywood, no Swedish lifestyle goes uninterrupted, as a gunman's failed attempt to kill him takes Jack to Italy. Here, seeking safety, he meets up with a former "associate," and it is gradually revealed that Jack is an American gunsmith. In fact, the weapons that he assembles abroad are used in assassinations. Taking breaks from his work, Jack meets and eventually establishes a relationship with a local prostitute. The greatness of *The American*, however, is derived from the way in which the plot unfolds. At no point in the movie is it explicitly stated where Jack is from, whom he works for, or why he was attacked in Sweden. Anton Corbijn does not hit the viewer over the head with superfluous facts, but leaves Jack's background entirely up to the imagination.

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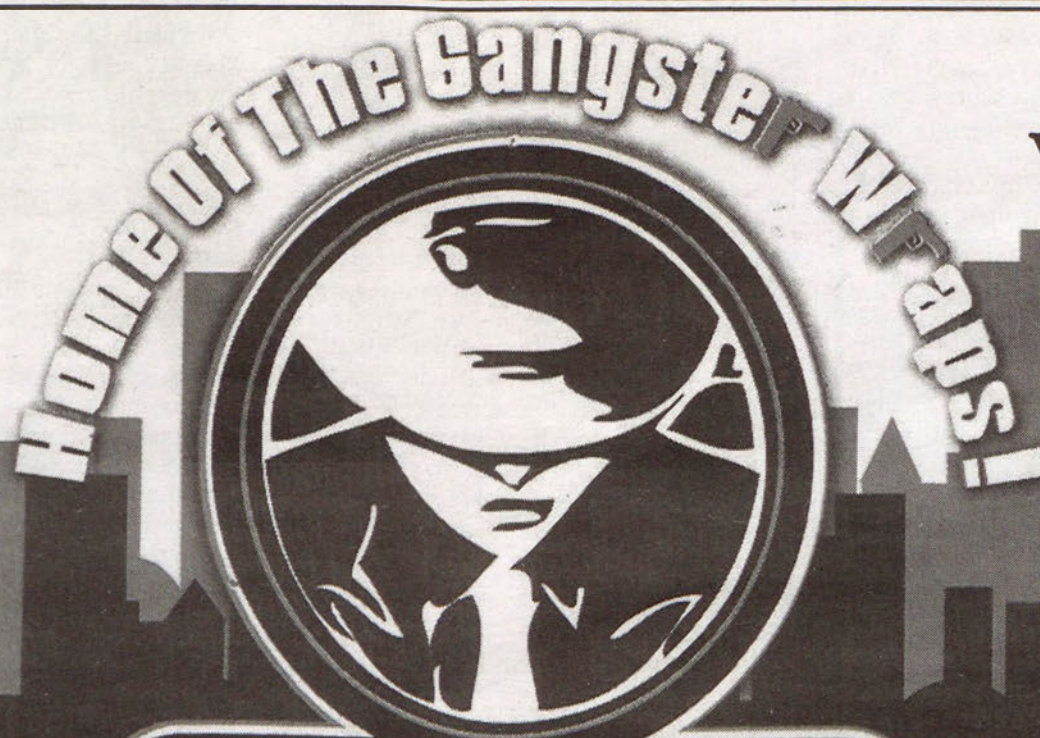
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Bovarian Book Lovers

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FICTION

You could say it was the perfect sort of evening for a summer party. That's what my wife says as she sweeps into the den, wearing one of the party dresses she's so fond of; it makes her appear as if she is a decoration perched on the edge of a very ornate, very pink cake. I, on the other hand, didn't notice the weather. I can feel a sour mood rising in the back of my throat.

"I am enjoying *Madame Bovary*."

"Dear, remember we promised the Johnsons that we'd stop by for their little get-together tonight?" She waits, expectantly. "You do remember, don't you?"

I snap the book shut with a sigh.

"You promised the Johnsons, you mean. I didn't promise anything."

"Well...yes, but I promised I would bring you."

"Tell them I've taken ill. Or that I'm working. Or anything—I'm in the middle of my book."

"Dear, I know, but I did promise. And," she pauses, a nervous schoolgirl grin crossing her face, "haven't you read this one before?"

I sigh again. It was true, though I was surprised she had actually noticed. My wife didn't read very much, or at all.

Still, I don't have the energy to argue, and that is how I find myself: one of my neckties slipped around my collar and a light jacket thrown over my shoulders. My wife slips her arm around me and leans her head against my shoulder.

"Now, dear, please try not to be too glum tonight. I know you wanted to read your book, but I did promise Dorothy. And didn't you get along so well with Richard last time? He likes to read, just like you."

I don't respond. I don't point out to her that Richard Johnson wouldn't know a classic if one flew smack into the back of his head. But I do my best to keep my face placid as we stroll into the party. People are standing around, faces reflecting in half-empty glasses, back-lit by paper lanterns. I manage to grab myself a cocktail so that I can avoid the inevitable hug as Dorothy Johnson comes prancing over to compliment my wife on her summer dress, and oh, doesn't she have the same one in green, and oh, they must go out shopping together before the weather turns, they simply must. Even as she rounds on me with her smile painted on, I've already sidled away with my drink in one hand and *Madame Bovary* in my other. I've made sure to buy jackets with pockets large enough to sequester books, something to keep me entertained at these little get-togethers that my wife is so fond of.

Just as I settle myself into what seems to be the only chair sitting directly under a lantern and providing enough light to read by, I see her across

the lawn in conversation with Dorothy Johnson and my wife. She is short, at least a head shorter than the other two, though she appears neither dumpy nor childlike. She has a short, black hair cut in what might have seemed a haphazard way on a lesser woman. But on her it seems attractive, a la Sadie Burke of *All the King's Men*. Her red dress hugs tightly, looking beautifully simple as it is; I'm sure my wife is fawning over it.

Yes, I'm sure she's fawning over it and will ask if I think it would look good on her when we arrive back at home, in the darkness of the bed we've shared for little more than a decade. She'll whisper it to me, afraid that I'll tell her it wouldn't look quite as nice on her. It wouldn't—but of course, I won't tell her that. I won't whisper that back to her as I lay facing the opposite wall and she places her hand, small and childlike, on my shoulder. So there she stands, this mysterious woman with her short hair and her simple dress that leaves little to the imagination, but what attracts me isn't any of the curves underneath. No, it's the small item peeking shyly out of her handbag. Strange that a woman who seems so easily confident might be embarrassed of something like that.

I'm up and out of my chair before I can even put all of these disparate images together in my mind, and as I watch my wife turn with light in her eyes and start to say something, something along the lines of "Oh, dear, you just have to meet..." I ignore the phrase rising from her smiling lips and as I begin to speak, the pleasantries peter away—even Dorothy Johnson knows to be quiet when she hears me quoting the Bard:

"Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more,
Men were deceivers ever,
One foot in sea, and one on shore,
To one thing constant never."

The mysterious woman smiles, and as she does, I notice the small gap in her teeth. What would normally be an imperfection seems only to add something to her, something that I can't quite place. She slips the book from her handbag carefully, chuckling even as she holds it out to me.

"Why yes, you're quite right. Shakespeare, *Much Ado about Nothing*. One of my favorites—might I assume you've read it?"

As I nod, feeling the blood pump through my veins for the first time in quite a long while, I see Dorothy Johnson pulling my wife away out of the corner of my eye. I can imagine her simpering smile, can hear her say, "Just let well enough alone dear, just be glad he'll have someone to talk to;" but I cannot tear my eyes away from this woman, this mysterious woman, and I already find myself asking her a dozen different questions; what is her favorite book, who are some of her

favorite authors, has she read *Madame Bovary*? She remains silent, leading me towards a pair of shaded lawn chairs, placed just outside the circle of light cast by one of the paper lanterns. And as she leads me, I glance downward at her handbag once again, at the small book slipped so carefully inside, even as the bag slaps so carelessly against the swell of her backside underneath the red dress.

When my wife comes to find me, ready to leave, it is late in the evening. As I glance up, I suddenly realize that the lawn has emptied. Many of the paper lanterns have been extinguished, and my cocktail has gone warm on the table beside me. *Madame Bovary* lies open on my partner's lap, and the knot of my tie is loose, the top button of my shirt undone: I realize I am breathing heavily. My wife compliments my partner on her dress even as the latter plants a small kiss goodbye on my cheek and slips a piece of paper into my breast pocket. I smell the heavy scent of vanilla as she draws close—I breathe it deeply, tasting it in the back of my throat. I can just read over my shoulder as we walk away, catching my partner's eye:

"And so a kind of association was established between them, a continual interchange of books and romances. Monsieur Bovary was not a jealous man. It didn't strike him as

in any way peculiar."

As we walk home, my wife asks as to the piece of paper in my breast pocket. It seems ready to burn a hole in my shirt.

"Just some book recommendations, dear. Books she thought I would enjoy, that's all."

My wife seems satisfied, for the moment.

That night, after I have hung my clothes in the closet and slipped the piece of paper somewhere safe for later, my wife places her hand, small and childlike on my shoulder. Her voice is soft in the darkness of our bedroom and she seems to grow once again fearful, schoolgirl shy, as she did earlier when interrupting my reading. She has yet to ask me about the dress, even while outside the wind begins to rattle against the window, the first sign of autumn. I realize I've left *Madame Bovary* with the woman in the red dress; I'll have to pick it up from her.

"Dear, do you ever wish I read more? I mean, do you ever wish I read more books, like the woman at the party?"

I'm surprised by her question—I had expected her to be more concerned with the dress.

"Of course not, dear. Of course, I don't."

Left

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They left without a single word.
No grand fight, statements of regret,
Last will and testament.
They said no goodbyes to the ones they loved.
No "see you soon," memorable conversations,
Politically charged orations.
They left and could not tell their tale.
No epics rival to Virgil, Homer,
Bedtime stories in fields of clover.
They left without a voice.
No mother's whisper, plaintiff's plea,
Children chanting noisily.
They were silent.

But if I could guess what they would say,
On that gray September morning,
I'd say this:

Remember me, Remember me,
When your hope has gone astray.
Because no one can silence the life we had,
And the love we gave away.

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Overeager Freshmen

by Margaret Barresi '12
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ESSAY

Walking around campus the first week of school has been strange, as it usually is during the start of a new academic year. I mean, besides the fact that I am a senior this year (not real life?), it always takes me a couple of days to get used to the new student body inhabiting PC. I need a little time to mourn the loss of not seeing my "hot older guy" crushes that just graduated (lead singer from a former popular McPhail's band anyone?), as well as become accustomed to the mass of new faces that make up this year's freshman class.

Now freshmen, I know that you are excited about being at college for the first time, and obviously Providence is the best place in the world. However, during this week of observation, I have noticed a few instances of overeager behavior that sadly I found all too familiar from my own freshmen year. That being said, this is NOT an article meant to hate on freshmen; and that statement was not meant to be a disclaimer giving me the right to be rude. Believe me, every year I am extremely excited that so many kids decide to come to the school I love. I am simply attempting to point out these painfully obvious instances of over-eagerness so that all who care to listen can avoid sewing that scarlet F on their newly obtained Friar Fanatic shirts.

Overeagerly Traveling in Packs: It's great that you've met so many new friends. After all, meeting a diverse group of people is one of the main perks of going to school. However, the obsessive need to travel in packs of more than 20 people is not only a traffic hazard around campus, but is also slightly overwhelming for everyone else. Don't be afraid to go places alone. Trust me, everyone at PC is very friendly, and no senior is going to squirt you with a Super Soaker.

Overeager Trips to CVS: During my various trips to the supermarket since school began (not overeager because I do have an apartment with a stove for cooking and limited fridge space to prevent buying in bulk), I have noticed a steady stream of foot traffic to and from the CVS on Admiral Street. It is obvious that these people are Providence College students, and even more obvious that they are not upperclassmen. Upperclassmen usually drive cars when running errands, which I completely understand is a luxury that freshmen are not afforded and therefore, cannot be faulted for. However, we've only been at school for a week. It is almost impossible that you have already run through the BJ's economy-size containers of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, and even Poland Spring water bottles that you made your parents lug up countless flights of stairs while moving in. Also, in reference to the large containers of

milk and other food you are hauling back, your mini fridge must be a lot bigger than mine was. And what happened to your mandatory unlimited meal plan?

Overeager Feelings about Civ: I thought one of the main perks of my senior year would be the ability to enjoy a casual and legal drink in McPhail's during happy hour on Fridays, while trying to overeagerly work my way into the Mug Club (RIP). So, this past Friday I was doing just that with THREE of my close friends, when this poor girl approached us looking nervous. She politely asked us all in one winded breath if we were freshmen/in her Civ class/what was the reading assignment for Monday? Despite the intense offense I couldn't quite swallow, my heart went out to her poor, red face after we kindly told her that we were seniors and hadn't taken Civ in years (SO WEIRD). But seriously? At five o'clock on a Friday afternoon you should be chilling from the stress of the first week of classes, not worrying about Civ. Relax guys-- Civ won't kill you, I promise.

Overeagerly Adding New People on Facebook: Again, I'm glad you are all making the friends that will undoubtedly be your besties for life. However, I can't help but think that the one thing incoming college freshmen look forward to is the automatically guaranteed spike in their amount of Facebook friends. Of course, it is entirely appropriate to friend your roomie, and maybe even that entourage of more than 20 people you consistently hang around with. But friending every single person in your Civ class of 100 students is way overeager. Come on, I know you haven't spoken to all of them before, and since oral attendance isn't even taken in big Civ, I'm a little concerned as to how you found out all their names in the first place (class rosters on ANGEL?). Overeager Facebook creeping = #sooofreshman.

Overeager Efforts to be "So College": So, you guys are in college now. GREAT! Seriously, I know how awesome it is. But the recent overeagerness to bro it out and get that standard "so college" label is a little extreme. Besides, it is a title you have to earn, and a couple of weeks of college-like behavior does not earn you the stamina to be considered a qualified college pro. Freshmen boys playing sports on the quad: It's getting cold out; save it for the spring. Freshman girls tripping around Eaton Street in your heels: Put some flats on, because I know you have no idea which address you're going to and you will be walking for a while. As to blasting music during the day: the real college pros are still sleeping, so have some consideration.

Fast Fiction

Here's the deal: 25 words or less. One title. An entire story.

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In the Garden with a Guitar

by Bobby Bretz '12
Portfolio Staff

Someone kills dad. The innocent man is guilty and the guilty man is smelly. Frequent mention of samovars. Still waiting on the sequel.

Rapture

by Conor Leary '13G
Portfolio Editor Emeritus

The 2,977 flags cannot speak. But they wave. As tears fall, spirits unseen, yet striped and starred still, whisper: We have risen. Remember, and live.

An Eye for Being Buried Alive

by Margaret Barresi '12
Portfolio Staff

She faced the window and pulled the dark glasses higher up on her nose, covering the scars. The dirt from the shovel fell to the floor.

Food Poisoning at Lincoln High Cafeteria

by Keely Mohin '14
Asst. Portfolio Editor

Attention: Third floor bathroom won't be used until further notice. Anyone with knowledge as to how all seven toilets were clogged report to Principal Gibbons.

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Ralph Bellamy (Or The King of Beers)

by Bobby Bretz '12
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We aren't the same as we used to be
I feel a lot like Ralph Bellamy
She finds her Grant and I'm disavowed
The King of Beers is a Habsburg now

She went away to a foreign town
I sat at home with my buckles bound
She osculated with a local clown
Now she oscillates with a guilty brow

I felt the world had me shorted out
I thought of nothing to converse about
I say whatever and she wears a frown
The King of Beers is a Habsburg now

I wonder who'll get my lines to read
It seems like the typical Bellamy
Lately it's been so plain to see
I should be played by Bellamy

We spent the night in the House of Black
I only dreamed of the next train back
I was awakened by the screech of owls
The King of Beers is a Habsburg now

I saw a world full of sweets and sour
I fell in love with an earthly flower
If I traded places with Israfel
I'd play the liar but I wouldn't play well

You show me yours and I'll show you how
The King of Beers is a Habsburg now
You show me yours and I'll bring you down
The King of Beers is a Habsburg now.

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By Kiernan Dunlop '14
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FICTION

The shell wasn't particularly impressive. Any adventurous toddler at the beach could find one just like it. It wasn't even a pristine specimen. It had a tiny crack on the side and half of its top was missing.

That was what Katherine loved about it. It was common and damaged. No one would take the time to look at it or think twice about it. That's what made her keep it, even though she thought of most of her possessions as disposable.

Katherine carried it with her most days. When she was having a bad day, she would take it out and stare at it for minutes at a time. She memorized its curves and was able to sketch it from memory.

That's what she was doing while sitting at her usual outdoor café; she was sketching it on a napkin. Even though it was a typical day for her, something felt different, but she couldn't figure out what. There was a man sitting at the table across from her who occasionally looked up from his paper. She thought he was looking at her, but she shook it off as paranoia. She headed off to work at the library, a job Katherine didn't particularly mind, because she could usually go through the day without talking to many people. Today was different, though; it was the first day of summer, which always meant the library would be filled with kids whose parents wanted to get them out of the house. By the end of the day, she couldn't remember how many times she had been asked where the little boys' room was.

Katherine headed home to her one-bedroom apartment and slumped down on the bed. She got up and saw that there were messages on the answering machine. Two of them were from her mother as usual, wondering why she didn't call more. The third was from someone she hadn't talked to in years. He said that he really missed her and he wanted to talk. He had seen her at the café this morning, but couldn't bring himself to say anything. Katherine knew why he had left a message instead of talking to her this morning; they hadn't parted on the best of terms.

Michael was with her on the day that she picked up the shell. They had ditched school and gone to the beach. It was a two-hour drive and, on the way back, they got into a huge fight. He had asked her to marry him and she couldn't wrap her head around it. They were only eighteen and hadn't even graduated from high school yet.

"I know," Michael had said when she asked him what he was thinking.

"You know what?" She had no idea what he was talking about.

"I know that you're pregnant." Shock reverberated through her body. "How did he find out," she asked herself. She had only realized it the week before, and hadn't told anyone except her sister. "Morgan told you, didn't she?" Katherine asked angrily.

"Yes, and I'm glad she did. I can't believe you wouldn't tell me yourself."

"I didn't tell you because I knew

this would happen. I didn't tell you because I didn't want to hurt you."

"What are you talking about? This wasn't planned, and I know we're young, but we can handle this. I mean, we love each other—we should be able to handle this." Katherine couldn't believe it. Michael seemed excited.

"Michael," she said softly, "it's already been handled." She turned away from him. She couldn't look him in the eyes.

"What do you mean, it's been handled?"

"Michael, I'm not pregnant anymore," she said as she began to sob.

He didn't say a word for the rest of the ride. He dropped her off at home and never spoke to her again. Katherine couldn't blame him; she couldn't even look at herself in the mirror. Michael had wanted the baby, and she couldn't live with herself for taking it away from him. All these memories flooded back to her when she heard his voice on the answering machine. She couldn't believe she hadn't recognized him that morning. But maybe she didn't want to believe it was him. She didn't know what to do; she was terrified of facing him after all these years. Then she heard a knock on the door. She assumed it was her friend Alyssa from 3B, so she opened it without looking.

"Hi Kat," Michael said with a nervous smile, "I knew you wouldn't call me back, so I figured this was the only way I could talk to you."

"Michael," she said, as if she had been punched in the stomach, "what are you doing here?"

"I came because I don't like the way we left things 10 years ago."

"What do you mean, you don't like it? You hate me and I deserve it. The end."

Michael looked stunned; he came into the apartment and sat down.

"Is that what you thought, Kat? You thought that I hated you?"

"Well, didn't you? I mean, I wouldn't blame you." She lowered her head and whispered, "To be honest, I hated myself."

"Kat, I was angry at you, angrier than I have ever been at anyone, but I could never hate you. You made a mistake, but you were young and scared. You probably thought that it was what I would've wanted." She didn't know what to say; all these years she had thought he despised her. All these years she had felt like that empty shell she had found by the sea so long ago.

Michael continued, "I know how much you have probably beaten yourself up over the years, and I came back because I want to help you through this. You should not have to carry this guilt around all of your life. You have to start living again."

Katherine couldn't believe what she was hearing; she couldn't even believe that he had come back for her. She was starting to remember why she had loved him so much.

"Michael, you don't know what it means to hear you say all of this. I can't believe you came all this way to tell me that."

"Kat, that's not the only reason I came back." Michael kissed her and suddenly it was like they were 18 all over again.

Even Though We Ain't Got Money...

By Keely Mohin '14
Asst. Portfolio Editor

FICTION

Graham swallowed his 10th antacid of the day. Evie had returned home nearly falling over with packages. She was now standing on a ladder, illegally repainting the walls of their newly leased studio apartment. He could only imagine the cost in damages Mr. Dominowsky, their landlord, would charge when he saw it. They already owed \$2,000 on their American Express card, \$500 on their Master Card, and had only \$100 left in the bank. Judging by Evie's packages, though, he doubted whether they even had a cent left. Now was not the time to go shopping or risk being landed with another bill to pay.

"Evie," Graham said, unable to merely stand by and watch any longer, "what are you doing? You know we aren't allowed to change the wall color without asking Dominowsky first! Honestly, do you even think sometimes?" Evie, pausing in her work, ran the back of her hand over her forehead and rolled her eyes.

"Graham, you need to relax. Go meditate, light some candles, take a luxurious bubble bath; swallow a laxative even to get that pained expression off your face. Just chill out." Evie made a Zen pose with the paint brush in her hand and splattered some on the windowsill.

Graham groaned and popped open the antacid bottle again to drop a few into his mouth. Evie began humming to herself and shrugged good-naturedly as some paint dripped onto her patched overalls. She didn't seem the slightest bit concerned about anything. Of course she wasn't, Graham told himself. Evie made it a point never to worry. From the day he met her at school, he was always the one concerned with practical matters. When she forgot to register for classes

second semester of their junior year, he was the one who went to the dean's office with her to make sure everything got straightened out. When she locked her keys in the car again and again, he was the one who skillfully used a hanger to unlock it without breaking the window. And, when Evie couldn't decide on flowers, a cake, or even bridesmaid dresses for their wedding, Graham stepped in to handle all the major details. To this day, he couldn't live down his brother's taunts about asking him if he thought a halter or sweetheart top would be better for the bridal party.

"Look," said Evie, pulling Graham from his brooding to the present, "it's

“ YOU SHOULD BUY IT SO ONE DAY YOUR SON CAN BE A NON-LOSER NERD JUST LIKE HIS DAD. ”

practically the same color as before! We'll just be rid of those scuff marks!" She turned her head towards him, still holding onto the ladder with her right hand, and smiled encouragingly. Graham, however, grimaced.

"No, Evie," he said flatly, "it is clearly not the same color."

And Graham was right. The walls before had been very white, shockingly so, and Evie's paint had a definite lavender tinge...almost lilac. Evie looked as though she might agree, but, as if thinking better of it, she continued her painting and humming.

"And how much did all that cost?" Graham asked, motioning towards the packages by the door.

"Hmm?" Evie asked serenely. Graham nodded his head towards the brown paper bags.

"Oh, it couldn't have been more than fifty. I just bought some stuff at a flea market to spruce the place up a bit. It looks sort of...bare." Graham couldn't agree less. They had stuffed a queen-sized bed, two chests of drawers, a love seat, a television, and a kitchen set into the tiny, one-room apartment. He

couldn't help but feel claustrophobic now that he thought of it, and he reached up to undo his top collar button as he felt his breath quicken and his neck increase considerably in temperature.

"Evie, we only had \$100 left in the bank. What the hell are we going to buy groceries with?"

"Will you relax? Pay day is tomorrow if you haven't forgotten. Oh! I know what'll cheer you up! I bought the cutest thing at this stand near the seaport!"

Evie flew from the ladder, nearly knocking over the can of paint, and began rummaging through the bags excitedly. As she searched, Graham spotted a loofa, a pair of sneakers, a pink hand-towel, and a cassette

radio. Of course. Essentials. A pretentious washcloth and an antiquated electronic. Graham resisted the urge to say something biting and sarcastic, though he hardly knew why. He felt he would be completely justified in screaming and demanding she return everything she'd bought.

"Ah!" Evie squealed with delight, "Here it is! Isn't it adorable?" Evie held up a tin Spiderman lunchbox. She wiggled her eyebrows enticingly, as if to ask Graham what he thought. He, in response, pressed the bridge of his nose between his thumb and his index finger, squeezed his eyes shut, and tried to remind himself that he loved Evie, craziness and all.

"Well?" She asked, completely nonplussed by his response. "Don't you love it? I thought it'd look really cool in the kitchen. You know, vintage-like and eclectic. You used to love the comics! Remember? I found some in your dorm room once and you pretended they were your roommate's? Even when I found that binder with your name on it and you kept them inside in those plastic folder things..." Evie giggled.

"They were collectibles! They were very valuable! They paid for our photographer if you don't remember!"

"Okay, okay," Evie said between laughs, "yes, they were very cool and completely un-nerdy. I should have read them myself. But does that mean you like this? I saw it and instantly thought of you. I said: Evie that is such a Graham lunchbox. You should buy it so one day your son can be a non-loser nerd just like his dad."

Suddenly, Graham's heartburn subsided and he felt his face relax slowly into a smile. He glanced down at the bottle in his hand, threw it in the kitchen sink, and walked towards Evie, pulling her into a good, long hug. He was suddenly reminded why he put up with her chronic amnesia, her flighty spending, and her irritatingly persistent optimism. Despite all her annoying habits and absurd quirks, she had a wonderful way of pulling Graham from his type-A personality, if only for a moment, and helping him appreciate the little things just a little bit more. If Evie needed Graham to make decisions and clean up her messes, he needed her to help him make a few of his own. And that was worth more than any credit card balance or bank statement.

"What was that for?" Evie asked with an impish grin when Graham finally let her go.

"For being you," he said with a shrug.

"Aw, isn't that sweet! Oh, and that shirt? Yeah, I totally got paint all over it when you hugged me." Graham glanced down and felt his heartburn flare up again.

"Evie!"

And the moment was gone.

Sunday

by Emily Goodnow '12
Portfolio Staff

The newspaper hovers
Over the countertop.
Police sirens and gunshots
Pulsate from the front page.
I make no sounds
Or gestures.
I let the print
Speak.

Politicians bicker.
Economists whine.
I simply sip
Honey lemon tea
Soothingly.

On Sundays
I sip
And I flip,
Muting all of the
Bitterness.
I sip
And I flip,
Heeding something
Softer.
On Sundays
I listen

To the comic strips.

Staff Pick of the Week

All the King's Men
by Robert Penn Warren

Often called "the greatest novel about American politics," *All the King's Men* should entertain anyone who enjoys a good read, as well as people interested in politics. Set against the backdrop of the blistering heat of 1930s Louisiana, this book is populated by politicians in linen and Seersucker and supported by simple, hardworking Southern folk. The novel's antihero, Jack Burden, exists more on the periphery than in the center of the plot. Under the spotlight instead is the man Burden works for, Willie "the Boss" Stark, a Governor concerned chiefly with the welfare of his constituency, or so he claims. Stark is forever surrounded by the likes of his driver, Sugar-Boy, the immensity of "Tiny" Duffy, one of his former rivals, and Sadie Burke, the Boss's feverishly angry secretary.

Also populating the story are Burden's unreliable mother, divorced from his horribly logical and strangely tender theologian father, the judge who once mentored him, and the tragic Stanton siblings, Adam and Anne, childhood friends of Jack who seem to be continually caught up in the imperceptible web of his life. The story is just as concerned with the rise and fall of Willie Stark as it is with Jack Burden's realization that to live life on the periphery is impossible. Calling to mind books such as Graham Greene's, *The Quiet American* as well as the Politics section of any newspaper, the novel is a rollercoaster ride of political machination, bribery, steamy affairs, and other dramatics. The sort of book best enjoyed slowly, it's the perfect remedy for the back-to-school blues if you can find the time—and I highly suggest you make the time.

—Tom Nailor '12

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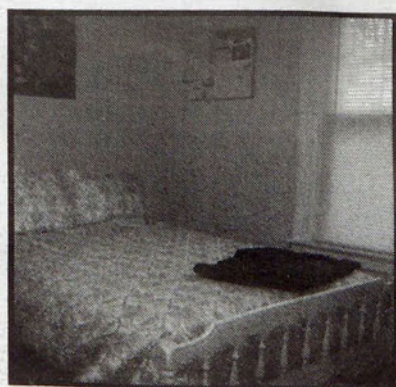
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Wilder Arboleda

Men's Soccer

Junior — Pawtucket, R.I.

Arboleda was named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week for the first time this past week. He led the Friars to a pair of 1-0 victories by scoring the two match winners.



Brittany Ross

Field Hockey

Sophomore — Scarborough, Maine.

After leading the Friars to a 2-1 record this past week, Ross was named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week. She paced the Friars with eight points on four goals.

Scores

Wednesday, 9/7						
Women's Soccer at Brown				L, 2-0		
Field Hockey vs. UC Davis				W, 3-2		
Volleyball vs. Brown				L, 3-1		
Friday, 9/9						
Women's Soccer vs. Marist				W, 2-0		
Field Hockey vs. Iowa				L, 4-1		
Volleyball vs. St. Francis (NY)				W, 3-0		
Saturday, 9/10						
Men's Soccer vs. Sacred Heart				W, 1-0		
Volleyball vs. Coppin State				W, 3-0		
Volleyball vs. Lafayette				L, 3-0		

Schedules

Thursday, 9/15		
Women's Soccer vs. St. John's		4:00 p.m.
Friday, 9/16		
Field Hockey vs. Maine		2:00 p.m.
Volleyball at Dartmouth		7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9/17		
Softball at Bryant University		10:00 a.m.
Softball vs. Rhode Island		12:30 p.m.
Men's Soccer at Creighton		7:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Delaware State		11:00 a.m.
Volleyball vs. Central Connecticut State		3:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9/18		
Softball at Rhode Island		11:00 a.m.
Women's Soccer at Syracuse		1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Michigan State		2:00 p.m.

Standings

Men's Big East Soccer (Blue)							Women's Big East Field Hockey (American)						
Team	Big East			Overall			Team	Big East			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T		W	L	T	W	L	T
Connecticut	0	0	0	4	0	0	Connecticut	0	0	0	5	0	0
Providence	0	0	0	5	1	0	Louisville	0	0	0	4	2	2
Georgetown	0	0	0	3	1	1	Syracuse	0	0	0	3	2	0
Seton Hall	0	0	0	3	1	1	Georgetown	0	0	0	2	3	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	2	1	2	Villanova	0	0	0	2	3	0
West Virginia	0	0	0	2	2	0	Providence	0	0	0	2	3	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	1	4	1	Rutgers	0	0	0	1	4	0
Marquette	0	0	0	1	4	0							

The CHAMPIONSHIP

With Nick Aiken '12
Sports Editor

Flight

This Week: College Football Uniforms

1. **The University of Oregon:** Nike provides the Ducks with a new uniform scheme for every game. Bright colors, interesting patterns, and the latest technology give Oregon the most unique and fashion-forward uniforms in college football.

2. **The University of Notre Dame:** The Irish have simple yet elegant uniforms that never seem to go out of style.

3. **The University of Michigan:** It's all about the helmet at Michigan; the maize and blue coupled with a wing-like design gives the Wolverines a reason to make the cut.

4. **The University of Texas:** It's impossible to get burnt out on the burnt orange, especially if you're from Austin.

5. **Ohio State University:** The Buckeyes wear bold uniforms on Saturdays; the circular decals that grace the sides of the helmets are the most recognizable feature.

6. **Florida State University:** One could argue that the helmets in Tallahassee are even cooler than the ones in Ann Arbor.

7. **Penn State University:** These are probably the most simple and boring uniforms ever created, but they have withstood the test of time, and many people love them.

8. **The University of Maryland:** In their first game of the 2011 season, the Terps wore uniforms that have since been diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

9. **The University of Southern California:** Despite all their off-field scandals, the Trojans show up to the Coliseum in a nice blend of cardinal and gold.

10. **The University of Alabama:** Each player's number on the side of his helmet and the crimson jerseys make these uniforms a true classic.



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Editor's Note: *The Championship Flight* is a weekly feature that will provide a Top 10 list for a wide array of sports-related topics.

Coach Says Cross Country is "Exactly Where They Need to Be"

by Meg O'Neill '12
Sports Staff

CROSS COUNTRY

As the Providence College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams begin their seasons, both nationally-ranked teams were able to secure victories at the Bryant Invitational, held at Bryant University on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The women secured the top three spots in the five-kilometer race with All-American Emily Sisson '14 (Chesterfield, Mo.) clocking in first at 17:09.99, Lauren Nagel '14 (Napier, New Zealand) coming in a few steps afterward at 17:10.15, and All-American Hannah Davidson '12 (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.) following closely behind at 17:10.33. The Friars managed to place six of their runners within the top nine, locking in their victory. It should be noted that this feat was accomplished without even running their full team, including resting Shelby Greany '13 (Suffern, N.Y.), an All-American who finished in 12th place at the NCAA Championships last year. In total, the women achieved 19 points, placing first, 60 notches above Harvard University in second place.

The men also finished the day on top by attaining a total of 32 points. Second-place Northeastern trailed the Friars by seven points. Leading the Friars and coming in third place overall was freshman Sean Quinn '15 (Waterford, Ireland). On Quinn's first time on the collegiate stage, he managed to finish the race at 15:04.31, trailing the leader, Rich Peters of Boston University, by only a margin of four seconds. This outstanding display of athleticism only provides great opportunities for this 18th-ranked men's squad. Following

Quinn in the pursuit was defending Big East champion and All-American, Lee Carey '12 (Bedworth, England) coming in fourth place just behind Quinn at 15:11.25. Eric Malnati '13 (Walpole, N.H.) took the sixth spot at 15:24.99 and Benjamin Connor '15, also making his NCAA debut along with Quinn, came in ninth place at 15:35.09. Clearly, the strong impact of the freshmen will be very helpful to an already well-built team.

Overall, Head Coach Ray Treacy commented that the Friars, both men and women, are "exactly where [they] need to be individually and as a team." He accredits the highlights of this race to the "combination of what has gone on over the past few weeks" especially in practice. Both meets were ran "with split crews" says Treacy and that definitely has something to say about the talent of the team as a whole.

The women's team, who is currently ranked third in the nation by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, is coming off of an excellent 2010 season. Last year, the squad finished in ninth place at the NCAA Cross Country Championships and boasted two All-American runners. The team is returning six of the top seven runners of 2010, along with the terrific addition of All-American sophomore

Emily Sisson. With an older and more experienced team, which includes three All-Americans, the Friars look to extend their record-breaking 22 consecutive years in the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

As for the men's side, the addition of Quinn and Connor to an already all-star cast will propel the Friars forward in the upcoming races. David McCarthy '12, a sub-four-minute miler who was red-shirted last year, will return and join his classmates, Carey and Dominic Channon and fellow sub-four-minute miler, Julian Matthews '12. This team is prepped and ready to move up in the rankings as the weeks progress.

For now, the Friars are in a practice period until the Paul Short Invitational on Sept. 30. This race will really be the first "test" for this point in the season, said Treacy. The Friars will be running against some of the top teams in the country. Until then, Coach Treacy plans on pushing the team to "maintain consistency." He stated that this Friar squad has the "most depth we've had in years," running about 12 deep for the men and nine deep for the women. While this practice period is important, Coach Treacy highlighted that "it doesn't matter how good you look in practice; it's how you compete."

PC Wins Again

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golden chance in the 76th minute, as a corner kick resulted with a Pioneer shot in the box. But Obando made a spectacular sliding stop, further stumping Sacred Heart and preserving the Friars' fragile lead.

Winding into the last 12 minutes of the match, the ferocity increased dramatically and the game nearly got out of hand. There were four fouls in the last eight minutes alone, with tension growing on both sides and each team craving a clutch non-conference win. The boiling point was reached at the 88th minute, when Sacred Heart was hit with a yellow card for a vicious takedown of a PC player.

Despite all the chaos, PC still held firm to the 1-0 lead, not allowing the Pioneers to even sniff a chance to tie in the last 12 minutes. It was the fourth straight win for the Friars and the third consecutive shutout for Obando. The Friars will continue their season when they hit the road to Omaha, Neb. to take on Creighton in their last non-conference match before Big East play starts.

"We hope to keep it going in a positive direction moving forward, one game at a time," said Daley. If this level of play continues, they will once again reach the NCAA Tournament.

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Women's Soccer Bests Marist 2-0 at Glay Field

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Providence College Women's Soccer Team boasted a 2-0 win over Marist, Friday, Sept. 9. The match, which took place at PC, showcased the Friars tenacious defense. After capturing an early lead, the Friars held off multiple offensive advances by the Red Foxes to capture the win to advance their record to 2-2-4 overall. The Lady Friars were led by Laura DiClemente '12, who had a goal and an assist in the game.

The first goal for the Lady Friars came in the 35th minute of regulation, when DiClemente found teammate Cynthia Warman '12 two yards away from the goal. This was Warman's first goal of the season.

The defensive efforts of the Friars continued to hold off the Red Foxes going into the second half, leading with a score of 1-0. PC continued to expand the lead in the 83rd minute of regulation, when DiClemente scored her first goal of the match. DiClemente leads the team with three goals and two assists for the season.

The Friars defense was led by goalkeeper Caitlin Walker '12, who had four saves on the game.



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The PC Women's Soccer Team played a stellar game this past Friday, racking up a key non-conference win against Marist. The Friars hope to play at the same level against a tough St. John's team on Thursday.

With this win, Walker now has three shutouts on the season.

On September 7, the Lady Friars were defeated by cross-town rival Brown University 2-0. The Friars were able to hold off Brown's advances until the 77th minute of regulation, when the Bears managed a goal to gain a lead of 1-0. Less than two minutes later, the Bears scored the final goal of the game to seal the win with a score of 2-0. The ball deflected off Walker and fell into the goal.

Although PC outshot Brown 12-10, they were unable to convert any shot into a goal. Kendra McMullan '15 led the Friars with shots on goal

with four, followed by Courtney Collins '12, Emily Castle '12, and Melina Toman '14, who all had two attempts on goal. On goal, Walker had four saves on the game.

The Lady Friars kick off their Big East season on Thursday, Sept. 15, as they host St. John's on Glay Field, and then face rival Syracuse on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Brooks: Bright Future in N.J.

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home." After averaging 24.6 points with the Friars, Marshon's draft stock rose into the first round and to the Nets. "Home means everything to me...I'm not running away. I'm sprinting home." After moving to Georgia when he was six, Marshon Brooks can't wait to get back to Jersey and play for the team that he watched before he could dribble or shoot. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime," said Brooks, who hopes to put the Nets back in the discussion as he and Deron Williams pair up in the New Jersey backcourt.

It is almost as if Ed Cooley laid the groundwork for Marshon to return home, just as he did in the months prior to Marshon being drafted. You can call it however you want, but I am passing off the baton from player to coach. I see it as handing over a team, a program, and a school that was under Marshon's watch for the past few years to someone who can take it to a place that it hasn't seen in years.

Next season, barring an NBA lockout, Marshon will be taking his talents to NBA arenas throughout the country, while the man he passed

the baton off to will be trying to get a young Friars team back on track and proving to people that he was the only man for the job opening on the sidelines of the Dunk. One thing is for sure, he will be doing work on and off the court. In a recent interview with GOAG, Marshon talked little about what he hopes to do in Jersey.

"Off the court, you can expect me to keep my nose clean, stay out of trouble, and try to make a difference in the lives of the kids who live around my hometown and all throughout N.J. Things are kind of rough right now in the area I'm from, so I'm in a unique situation where I can really make a difference for the better in my home state," said Brooks. "I can be around the kids and let them know that I'm a regular human being just like they are, and if I can do it, then so can they. On the court, you can expect me to do what I do. What ever it is I'm asked to do and what my team needs me to do and try to score the ball."

Marshon has two classes left until he graduates, and he will be keeping tabs on Coach Cooley and the current Friars. His workouts and reps put in at the gym say something about him not only as a player, but also as a student of the game.

Both men have a chip on their shoulder. "I wouldn't say it was frustrating. It's more so that I was disappointed. I feel like I still have more to prove, so it leaves a chip on my shoulder, definitely," said Marshon, after putting up 52 against Notre Dame, but falling short in the end. Throughout combines and workouts, Marshon seemed to go under the radar until he started to make lottery picks look silly on defense.

Marshon Brooks has returned home to Providence for now, but coming this winter, he will hopefully return to his first home in Jersey to do something he did here in Friartown: put his team back on the map.



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Marshon Brooks was all smiles on draft day.

Volleyball Enjoys a Good Showing at the Friar Classic

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VOLLEYBALL

The Women's Volleyball Team participated in the Eighth Annual Friar Classic this past weekend, splitting their two matches contested at Alumni Hall. The Friars, led by Lauren Fletcher '12, defeated Coppin State in their first match. In the contest, Fletcher racked up 15 kills while hitting .417. Other key Friars were Carly Morrison '13, who recorded 31 assists, and Cassie Muzzonigro '13, who led the back row with 22 digs.

Unfortunately, the Friars could not continue their stellar play against Lafayette. Fletcher, who has proven to be the Friars' star player this year, was held to a mere eight kills. As a team, the Friars hit a very disappointing .049, due in large part to a dominant Lafayette front row that tallied 11 blocks in the match. On the bright side, Morrison recorded 23 assists and Muzzonigro chipped in with 14 digs.

Prior to their contests over the weekend, the Friars took on St. Francis (N.Y.) in their opening match of the tournament. Fletcher helped

PC sweep St. Francis, connecting for 14 kills and finishing the match with a .778 hitting percentage. Morrison played well in this game too, recording 36 helpers to help the Friars hit .354 as a team.

As a result of their spectacular play, Fletcher and Muzzonigro were each named to the All-Tournament Team. Look for these three players to continue to carry the load for the Friars this season. In addition to their talent, they also bring important leadership to PC.

When all was said and done, Lafayette left Providence with the tournament title, and the Friars finished in second place. Coppin State and St. Francis finished in third and fourth places, respectively. The second place finish was not exactly what the Friars were looking for, as they were hoping to defend their title from last year's tournament, but nevertheless their second place finish is very respectable.

Hopefully, the Friars will be able to build upon their weekend success when they return to action on Friday, Sept. 16, when they face Dartmouth in the Dartmouth Invitational. The Friars will then face Delaware State and Central Connecticut State in Hanover, N.H.

Got a Minute?

Alexis Smith '12 catches up with Derek Army '14 of the Men's Hockey Team.



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After two weeks of play, which school boasts the best college football team this year?

The LSU Tigers, who are currently ranked as the number three team by both the AP and *USA Today* polls, were highly touted entering the 2011 season, but off-the-field issues plagued the team in the final weeks before their first game. Uncertainty surrounded the program after the loss of starting quarterback Jordan Jefferson and a handful of others, but in one of the most anticipated matchups of the season, second-string quarterback Jarrett Lee and the Tigers handily defeated one of the best teams in the country in their first game of the year. LSU played top-notch football en route to a convincing 40-27 victory over then third-ranked Oregon, simultaneously ending speculation as to whether they could survive the start of the season without key starters and upholding the unmatched prowess of the SEC Conference.

In their second game, LSU trampled Northwestern State, which was to be expected, but in doing so, they added to the confidence gained from the big win over Oregon. It would be difficult to argue that any school in the country faces a more difficult schedule than LSU does, as Mississippi State, West Virginia, Florida, Auburn, Alabama, and Arkansas still remain on their schedule. Their biggest test of the year will undoubtedly be when the team travels to Tuscaloosa to face an Alabama team that's stacked with talent and athleticism. The winner of this game will most likely go on to win the SEC and compete in the BCS National Championship game.

As the season progresses, LSU will become a better team each and every week, and once the suspended players return, the Tigers will have even more athleticism and skill on their roster. After only two weeks, LSU has proven to be a great team, and by the end of the season, they hope to have proven that they are the best.

-Nick Aiken '12

If there is one school in this country I feel sorry for, it is the North Texas Mean Green. Now, this is not because they are an afterthought deep in the heart of Texas as a collegiate football institution, but because they must stare across the field this weekend and look at the Alabama Crimson Tide. Nick Saban could have one of his most complete teams in Roll Tide Country, and that is saying something considering he won the BCS National Championships two years ago with Julio Jones, Greg McElroy, and Heisman Trophy Winner Mark Ingram.

Quarterback A.J. McCarron has played within himself thus far and you could see some moments of brilliance in their previous game against 23rd-ranked Penn State in which they won 27-11. A.J. is not the reason I am rolling with the Crimson Tide this season though. Junior tailback Trent Richardson has the honor of making this roll of the dice much more confident. He has five touchdowns already and has a nose for the pile on. He has played on the biggest stage before and can really run in and out of the tackles. Just ask Joe Pa and the Penn State defense who he torched for 111 yards and two touchdowns against the school known as "Linebacker U."

Another reason I am picking the Tide to roll this season is because they will play host to their two toughest opponents this season, Arkansas and LSU. They do, however, have road games against Florida, Mississippi State, and Auburn, but all those teams are not as good as they have been in previous years. On Nov. 5, LSU will come to Tuscaloosa in hopes of becoming the sixth straight team to win the SEC and go on to win the BCS Championship, but that honor will go to 'Bama.

-Danny McNamara '13

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SHEET

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SPORTS DIGEST

Tip of the Cap. A tip of the cap goes to Wilder Arboleda '13, a redshirt sophomore on the Men's Soccer Team, and Brittany Ross '14, of the Field Hockey Team, for each being named the Big East Offensive Player of the Week. Arboleda scored the game-winning goal in two separate matches to lead the Friars to a pair of 1-0 wins. Arboleda also received the honor of being named tournament MVP. Ross was instrumental in the 2-1 record that the Friars posted last week, earning eight points on four goals.

Just Swim. The Providence College Swimming and Diving team competed in the second annual Swim Across America event. The team, joined by hundreds of others, including PC alums and coaches, swam the one-mile, open-water course to fundraise for the Oncology Center at Rhode Island's Women and Infants Center.

True to Providence College fashion, the team claimed top fundraiser in the event by raising over \$11,000!

Movin' on Up. The Providence College Men's Soccer Team moved up in the College Soccer National Poll to claim the number 23 ranking. The Friars have won four consecutive games, including a 1-0 bout over number 11 ranked Brown. Keep it going, boys!

This Week's On-Campus Game to Watch. Etch out an hour or so on Sunday to check out the Women's Field Hockey team take on Michigan State. With the newly appointed Big East Offensive Player of the Week, it will definitely be entertaining to catch!

This Week's Off-Campus Game to Watch. One game that you should definitely check out, even though it is not on campus, is Number 23 PC Men's Soccer team when they take on Number 5 Creighton on Saturday, Sept. 17. These two nationally-ranked teams are facing off at Creighton, which will provide an exciting match for the determined Friars.

PC Tennis Posts Solid Record

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TENNIS

In the first tournament of the season, the Providence College Women's Tennis Team posted a 2-1 record at the Fairfield University Women's Tennis Doubles Festival held in Fairfield, Conn. Three sets of the Providence College's doubles team participated. The PC doubles team of Marisela Aviles-Duron '13 and Maria Clara Bernardez '14 defeated Hartford 8-6 in the first tier of competition. Following their lead, PC's Ali Carnall '15 and Elisabetta Dewitt '15 defeated Hartford 8-3 during the second tier of competition to finish in eighth place. The only loss of the day

came during the third pool, when the duo of Taylor Ahlborn '15 and Caitlyn Foley '15 fell to URI, 9-8.

This season, the PC tennis team added the names of nine new players to the roster. With the expertise these young players bring to the team, the women's team hopes to boast a successful season. The team is being led by Aviles-Duron, who, with 19 wins last season, won the most singles matches since the 2001-2002 season. Aviles-Duron also holds the title for winning the most Big East singles matches (five) in a single season. Combining the veterans and the incoming freshmen allows the team to have a fresh start this season after finishing with a combined doubles record of 27-55 last season.

Field Hockey Rebounds from Loss with Victory over Pacific

by Alexis Smith '12
Sports Staff

FIELD HOCKEY

The Providence College Field Hockey Team had an up and down weekend playing in their fifth and sixth games of the season. After a 4-1 loss to 15th ranked Iowa on Friday, the girls came back to defeat Pacific by the same margin, 4-1, on Sunday, once again on their home turf.

For the Friars, their advantage came early when they took a 2-1 lead into halftime. The only Pacific goal came with 29 seconds left on the clock. They were unable to capitalize again against Providence. On Providence's side, Danielle Bernasconi '15 scored the first goal just 3:43 into the game as she deflected the ball into the cage off a feed from Hillary Anderson '14. "Scoring your first college goal is always something to be excited about! But both goals were a tip into the goal, so I pretty much just helped my teammates out in that way," said Bernasconi. Anderson hit the ball in from the right side of the circle, then Bernasconi set up in front of the net to challenge the goalkeeper and got PC on the board.

Making their lead even greater, Brittany Ross '14 scored to give the Friars a 2-0 lead at 33:29 as she carried the ball through



Goalkeeper Shannon DiStefano '12 played very well against Pacific, leading the Friars to a 4-1 after a disappointing loss to Iowa.

the midfield and into the circle. She hit a low, hard shot from the right side of the cage for her team-best third goal of the season, only six games into the year.

"It felt great that we were able to generate a lot of offense on Sunday and score some goals," said Ross.

Then, trying to bring themselves back, Pacific hit a shot and scored with just 29 seconds left in the opening

half by Melissa Maultsby who lifted a back-hander shot from the left side of the circle to the right side of the cage.

In shots, Pacific held the lead with a 7-6 advantage during the opening half. The Friars the lead in a different area, and recorded a 4-3 edge in shot on goal. The Tigers held the advantage in penalty corners, 3-1. "I think we will definitely be competitive in our conference this year if we continue

to work hard in practice and carry it over to each game," said Ross. "Our team is unique in the fact that we are younger than most of the top teams in our conference, however, our determination and work ethic will make us very competitive and successful."

The Friars dominated again in the second half with two unanswered goals which made the score 4-1 and gave them the victory. Henni Tietze '15 started things off in the second period at 48:50 when she connected on a corner play. Teammate Anderson got the assist, her second of the game. Ross closed out the scoring at 61:40, with her second goal of the game, knocking it in on an unassisted play. Ross fired the shot from the left side of the circle to the lower left of the goal.

It was a good weekend all around for goaltender Shannon DiStefano '12, who picked up her second win of the season with five saves against the Tigers and 17 saves on Friday against Iowa. Additionally, the Friars outshot the Tigers for a total of 14-13 and the penalty corners were even at 4-4.

"The season is going well, we practice hard, and altogether we are a great team that is gonna do well in the future if we keep up the intensity and trust in each other when we play out there on the field," said Bernasconi.

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Obando Leads PC to Fifth Consecutive Win

The Men's Soccer Team has Earned Shutout Victories every Contest held in September

by Sean Bailey '14
Sports Staff

MEN'S SOCCER

The Providence College Men's Soccer Team defeated Holy Cross yesterday afternoon, adding to their already impressive undefeated streak. The Friars beat Holy Cross by a score of 2-0, with both goals scored by Keith Jacewiz '13.

The scoreless deadlock wasn't broken until the 70th minute of the contest, when Jacewiz netted his first goal of the season. Matt Pesci '15 played a cross from the right side, and Jacewiz headed the ball into the bottom right corner of the cage.

Then, in the game's 88th minute, Jacewiz knocked in his second goal of the game, this time off a pass from Marc Cintron '13.

Holy Cross had several scoring opportunities, but Jhojan Obando '12 turned each of them away with ease. Obando finished the contest with two saves and earned his fourth consecutive shutout. The standout keeper hasn't let in a goal in 429:01.

"Jhojan has made the biggest progression of any player I have had at Providence College," said PC Head Coach Chaka Daley. "He has always been talented, but his physical and mental maturity has improved dramatically since his early years. Jhojan is the coach on the field because of his understanding of the game; he makes sure the plan is carried out every game."

The team has regained their ranking in the nation's top 25; they



Jhojan Obando '12 hasn't let in a goal since the Friars' game against Quinnipiac on August 29. st Northeastern on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

are currently 24th, courtesy of a very impressive weekend at the Ocean State Classic, which included a 1-0 win versus 11th ranked Brown, and an exciting overtime match versus URI, which the Friars won 1-0, to take home the trophy. After such an exciting weekend for the soccer team, one could wonder if there would be an emotional letdown versus Sacred Heart on Saturday, but those concerns were squelched

as the Friars played a spirited match, beating the Pioneers 1-0 and notching their fourth consecutive win.

"We have been fortunate with the injuries that we have had to some key players to be where we are at this point in the season," said Daley.

The Friars came out of the gate strong against Sacred Heart, dominating possession and shots in the first half. However, their effort did not translate into any goals.

The Friars had a great opportunity at the 11th minute, but Phil Ziegler '14 rocketed a shot off the post. Ziegler wasn't done yet, however, as his shot at the 12th minute was blocked by a Sacred Heart defender. At the 26th minute, the Pioneers had a great chance, but Obando was ready for the challenge in net. He pushed Sacred Heart's shot over the crossbar, keeping the game tied at zero. Sacred Heart missed another opportunity off the ensuing corner kick, with a header sailing high over the net. The Friars regained their stride after those shaky two minutes, and ploughed through the rest of the half, outshooting the Pioneers, 6-2.

The second half became very physical, with both teams desperately clawing for the win. For the Friars, the second half started like the first, as PC dominated the ball. At the 52nd minute, Phil Tower '15 narrowly missed the mark off a corner kick, as his shot fell wide to the right. Six minutes later, Marcos Ugarte '15 fired a rocket, but it was saved by the Pioneer keeper.

It only took another minute, though, before PC took the lead. It started with a Thomas Ballenthin '15 cross that traveled directly to Wilder Arboleda '14, knocking in a goal and breaking the scoreless lock. It was Arboleda's third goal in the past two games for PC. Sacred Heart would not lie down easily, though; at the 69th minute, a Pioneer shot ricocheted off the post, just inches away from tying the game. Sacred Heart mounted another

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Marshon Brooks is Ready to Shine at the Next Level

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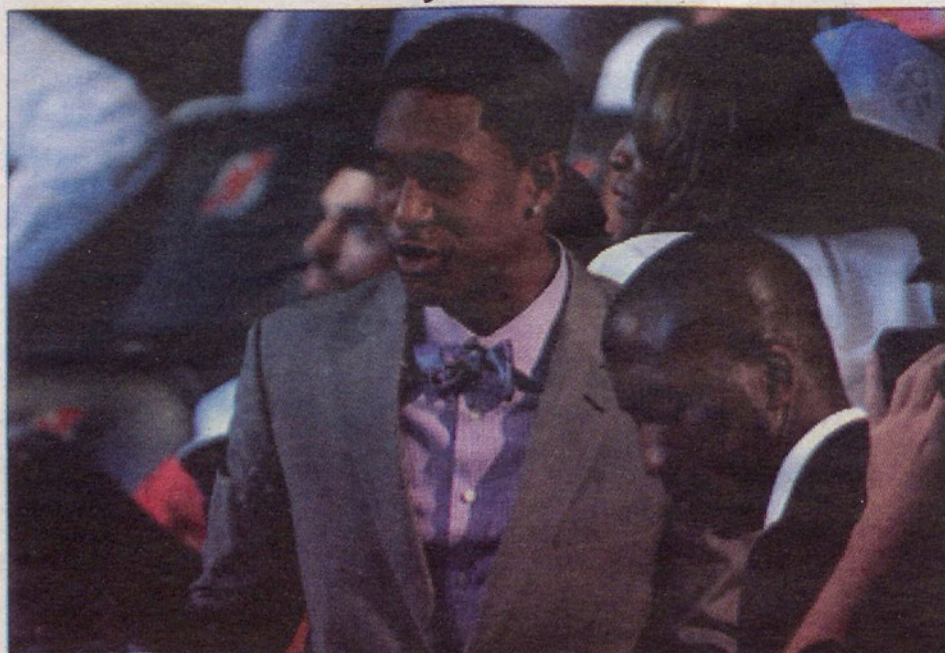
BASKETBALL

This date will always be remembered to Friar fans as the night that their "hidden talent," became not-so-hidden anymore. This time, he was not between those sprayed-on white lines, but instead roaming the sidelines and speaking in the ears of officials.

Every time Marshon rubbed his hands across his chest before tip-off, he felt the word Providence. Each time he made sure his number two was there; he knew it was under "Providence." That care he had for his team and teammates spoke volumes for himself and eventually for NBA scouts and GMs that coveted him.

Marshon Brooks was out to prove a kid from the smallest school in the biggest conference could make it to the next level, the big leagues. Marshon attended 10 different workouts prior to the NBA Draft, which made it impossible for him to be on campus at the same time. He worked out for the Bobcats twice, the Bucks, Bulls, Celtics, Nets, Pacers, Spurs, Timberwolves, Wizards, and Knicks. The teams that seemed to be most interested in Marshon were the Bucks, Timberwolves, and Knicks.

"I am a big fan of Marshon Brooks," said new PC Basketball Coach Ed Cooley. "In fact he will be on campus tomorrow and in my office where I can't wait to talk to him," he said.



Former Providence College standout Marshon Brooks is excited to begin his NBA career as a New Jersey Net this season.

In the weeks leading up to the draft, there were some that believed Marshon could go as high as 10th overall to the Bucks. Some also saw him going to the Knicks as the 17th pick or going to the Bobcats, who had the 19th pick. One place that no one really thought he would go was the team that plays in the same state he was born, New Jersey.

No one can describe the feelings or thoughts he had as he sat with family and friends waiting for his name to be called. Overcome with emotion, Marshon could only smile

as the Commissioner called his name. Going up a few steps never felt so easy, or so long overdue. As you reach that stage where you collect your hat and make the most expensive handshake of your life, you cannot help but recall all of those long nights in the gym when your jumper never seemed to fall for you, those wind sprints and suicides in practices and after games. All of it is priceless after that handshake and photo.

Marshon Brooks was drafted by the Boston Celtics with the 25th overall pick in the draft. As it happens on

every draft night, there was a trade. You know the trade happened fast when Brooks gave his first press conference as a New Jersey Net still sporting that Celtic green cap. The trade sent Marshon from a place that was so close to his home for the past four years, to a place that was his home for his first six. He was born at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, N.J., and lived in Jersey until his family made the move to Tucker, Ga. He returned each summer to attend camp at Monmouth University and lived with his grandmother.

After his junior season, Marshon knew he had to step up his game if he wanted to go pro. He decided to commit himself to a rigorous offseason workout run by trainer Larry Marshall in Keyport, N.J., which took his game to the next level. His frequent return trips to Jersey made his draft selection that much more fitting.

"I'm a Jersey boy," Brooks said in an interview after being drafted by the Nets.

The words spoken by the new coach of the school he helped put back on the map were now so clear to Marshon himself. Couldn't you see him saying the exact words in his first press conference as a New Jersey Net? Let's fast forward past this lockout and roleplay as Marshon sits through his first interview:

"It's a lot of emotions right now," said Brooks after being drafted by the Celtics, then traded to the Nets. "Providence has allowed me to come

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